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November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director  
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist  
Rick Schilling, Pastor

## ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

**Prelude**

*“Morning Meditation”*

Kathy Miller - Organ

**Greeting / Call to Worship**

Meredith Hoilman

We lift our eyes to the Lord.  
We raise our voices in prayer and praise.  
Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise,  
and open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace.

**Opening Hymn**

*“Lord, Be Glorified”*

TFWS 2150

**Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace**

Meredith Hoilman

To our God who dispels our fear, let us pray...

**Merciful God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us. Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your Gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

Sharon Drum

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 25:14-30

CEB 1206

**Proclamation of the Word**

*“Return on Investment”*

Rev. Rick Schilling

**Special Music**

*“Reach Out and Touch”*

SPUMC Instrumental Ensemble

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Welcome of New Member**

**Closing Hymn**

*“A Charge to Keep I Have”*

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 8<sup>th</sup> at the 9 am and 11 am services. Please bring cash or write a check to SPUMC. It will be turned in for Community Assistance. Please be generous, as these artists have donated their time and considerable talent to help our neighbors.

**FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND ARTISAN'S SALE** – See the insert!

**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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 *
11/22/20	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

REGULAR MEETINGS ** denotes currently meeting			
GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
<b>** SPUMC Book Club **</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am</b>	<b>Rose Garden Outside</b>	<b>Margarett McGraw</b>
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
<b>** RAPP **</b>	<b>Last Tuesday - Noon</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	

## 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; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; 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 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; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Tammy Hall (recovering alcoholic); Saylor family; John Stafford (safety) & Ashley Stafford (John's wife - expecting)

**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 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; the family of Doris Hardin (*Eva Jobin's Aunt*); the family of Phillip Dahlgreen; (*the family of Barbara Day*)

**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)*; 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) *Starli McDowell's dad Tommy Phillips (upcoming surgery)*

**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); *John Campbell* (heart)

**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); 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			ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
15 <sup>th</sup> – Jack Chandler 16 <sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Edwards 16 <sup>th</sup> – Eva Jobin 17 <sup>th</sup> – Peter King	17 <sup>th</sup> – Deb Stanbery 18 <sup>th</sup> – Ima Conroy 18 <sup>th</sup> – Suzanne Schilling 19 <sup>th</sup> – Rae Carr	19 <sup>th</sup> – Rob Nance 20 <sup>th</sup> – Brimleigh Buchanan 21 <sup>st</sup> – Todd Dunn 21 <sup>st</sup> – Jacob Edwards	17 - Peter & Susanne King
<b>PRESENCE:</b>	<b>Week of November 8, 2020</b>	<b>9:00 – 18 11:00 – 53 Total - 63*</b>	
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>Week of 11/8/20</b>	General Fund - \$4,192.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75
		Year to Date - \$212,135.66	YTD Budget Need – \$225,988.50
		Change Offering \$6.49- (Centro Latino)	\$6.49 - (High Country Prison Ministry )
		Community Assistance - \$500.00	MISSION Team - \$100.00
			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 23

*\* 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 22, 2020\*\***

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; 1 Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-45

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, November 16, 2020.