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Epiphany Sunday

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist
Rick Schilling, Pastor

ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“The Eastern Star”

Kathy Miller - Organ

Greeting / Call to Worship

Tim Drum

O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.
Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.
We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.
Come, arise! Shine! The Light has come.
God's Light of love is shining upon us.

Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World”

UMH 246

Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Tim Drum

To our God who reveals to us the fulfillment of promise, let us pray...

**God of light and hope, open our eyes that we may see your light in the darkness.
Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and
righteousness fulfilled in the promise born in Bethlehem. May we, like the
Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey to find the one who will truly set us
free. Bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will
transform our lives. Amen.**

Children's Message

Sharon Drum

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

CEB 906

Proclamation of the Word

“The Reason Behind Things”

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music

“Look-a-That Star”

SPUMC Choral Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation / Celebration of Holy Communion

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.

JANUARY 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU - Thank you so much for the generous love offering gifts at Christmas and during Pastor Appreciation month. You all are so very generous, and Suzanne and I both feel the love from you. Words cannot express how thankful we are to be in Spruce Pine among this incredible community and congregation. We are looking forward to 2021 and being able to spend time together with you. Again, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and love!

Pastor Rick and Suzanne

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND ARTISAN'S SALE – This event has been postponed. We will let you know when it can be held.

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.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON –Danna Gibson is the contact person for the 1st quarter of 2021 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. . Her contact number is (828) 467-5544.

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 Community Assistance.

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
1/3/21	Tim Drum	Sharon Drum	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return
1/10/21	Bruce Ikard	Kathay Hollifield	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return
1/17/21	Matt Hollifield	Ginny Downs	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return
1/24/21	Jack Riley	Beverly Greene	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return
1/31/21	Sharon Drum	TBA	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return	Pending In Person Return

REGULAR MEETINGS ** denotes currently meeting – others on hiatus			
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	Kathay 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; 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; 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*; Saylor family; John Stafford (safety) & Ashley Stafford (*John's wife - expecting*); *Lisa & Stan Cook*

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: 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 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*; the family of Janice Young (Sam's sister in law); the family of Tommy Norman; the family of Jesse Baker; the family of Charles Lee Gunter: the family of Louie Smith (*Lila Baskin's brother*); the family of David Wilson; the family of Harry McCall

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); *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); *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)*; Carolyn Sproles (fall/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); *Norma Smith's sister in law*

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); Everette & Sena Gouge (Rhonda's parents); *Gary Baskin* (health); *John Campbell (heart)*; Sam Cook and family (critical illness for each of his two daughters); *Frank Baskin (Kidney stones)*; *Tim & Kathey Hollifield (COVID)*; *Jim Sockwell (beginning dialysis)*; Ray Garland (Niki Jones' Dad – health); Kathie Vance (Sammie Ellis' sister, COVID – ventilator)

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); 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.

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK			
1/7 – Framton & Danna Gibson			
PRESENCE:		Week of December 27, 2020	Online Services Only
GIFTS	Week of 12/27/20	General Fund - \$6,466.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75
		Year to Date - \$242,246.47	YTD Budget Need – \$255,565.00
		Community Assistance - \$225.00	
		Special Gift - \$30.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 33

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 Scriptures – January 10, 2021****

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11