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January 10th, 2021

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist
Rick Schilling, Pastor

ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“Voluntary on Beach Spring”

Kathy Miller - Organ

Greeting / Call to Worship

Bruce Ikard

God's love for us is strong and warm.
God's love for us is wild and freeing.
God's love for us is holy and challenging.
God's love for us is sure and certain. It cannot fail and will never end.

Opening Hymn

“In Christ There is No East or West”

UMH 548

Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Bruce Ikard

Let us join our hearts and minds in prayer...

God of heaven and earth, we turn to you to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us so that our hearts, homes, and lives resound with joyful shouts of your glory. Amen.

Children's Message

Kathey Hollifield

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

CEB 1339

Proclamation of the Word

“I'm Especially Fond of This One”

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music

“Down to the River to Pray”

Sharon Drum

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

UMH 375

Benediction / Benediction Music

“He is Lord, He is Lord”

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Meeting on January 11, at 7:00 pm. This is a ZOOM meeting. You will be emailed a link for the meeting. Committee chairs should be prepared to present a short report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will stay socially distanced and wear masks. If you don't have one, one will be provided.

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.

SPUMC BOOK CLUB – is currently on hiatus due to the health situation. An announcement will be made when they are going to meet again.

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
1/17/21	Matt Hollifield	Ginny Downs	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>
1/24/21	Jack Riley	Beverly Greene	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>
1/31/21	Sharon Drum	Melanie Murphy	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>
2/7/21	Jane DeVos	Tracy Carroll	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>
2/14/21	Kathay Hollifield	Bruce Ikard	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>
2/21/21	Beverly Greene	Troy Hoilman	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>
2/28/21	Janet Ouzts	Chelsea Thayer	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>	<i>Pending In Person Return</i>

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	1 st 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 Hoeppe; 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 our country during these troubled times

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; the family of John Lacey (Susan Curtis' friend); the family of Chris Calloway (*Jessica Hoyle's cousin*, Susie Calloway Stout's Son); the family of Vernon Payne (relative of *Eva Jobin*); the family of Cathie Vance Beam

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*); *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*; Mike (friend of *Bruce Ikard* – chemotherapy)

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); 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); 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 (recovery)*; *Jim Sockwell (beginning dialysis)*; Ray Garland (Niki Jones' Dad – 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); 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			
10 – Theresa Conley		13 – James Ouzts	13 – Grant Sparks
PRESENCE:		Week of January 3, 2021	Online Services Only
GIFTS	Week of 1/3/21	General Fund - \$3,158.53	Weekly budget need - \$5,292.00
		Year to Date - \$3,158.53	YTD Budget Need – \$5,292.00
		Community Assistance -\$400.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 41
Final count for 2020 – including VANCO Giving			
		General Fund – \$244,991.80	2020 Budget Need - \$255,565.00

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 17, 2021****

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51