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April 11th, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist
Rick Schilling, Pastor

Prelude

Instrumental Ensemble *

Greeting

Dwight Willett

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

Dwight Willett

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1-4)

UMH 57

Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Dwight Willett

To the One who shares everything with us, let us pray...

Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the Risen One among us. Amen.

Children's Message

Melanie Murphy *

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35

CEB 1329

Proclamation of the Word

Russ Darnall

Anthem

"Breath of God, Breath of Peace"

SPUMC Choir *

Morning Prayer

Closing Hymn

"We Walk By Faith" (vs. 1-4)

TFWS 2196

Benediction/Benediction Music

"As We Go"

SPUMC Choir *

* the asterisk means that this part of the service is at the 11:00 am service 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.

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – to Mr. Russ Darnall, our guest speaker this morning. Russ is the District Lay Leader of the Blue Ridge District and is a professor of project management at Walden University. Russ and his wife, Teri, attend Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church, where she is a Faith Community Nurse, and he is the Chair of the Administrative Council.

FROM THE TRUSTEES - We are in the process of maintaining, repairing, and beautifying the church. Thank you for your patience during some messy processes. We are excited and honored to be able to help keep our church campus a beautiful and holy beacon on the hill!

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE SERVICE – is available three ways. 1. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org, then click on *Online Worship Service*. You can then load it from there on Sunday mornings. 2. Those of you on Facebook can look up Spruce Pine United Methodist Church (or Rick Schilling) and follow the link. 3. The email you get with the bulletin each week has a link to click on as well to get the service.

SUMMIT YOUTH AND HILLTOPPERS RETURN – Sundays, in the Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm!

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SPRUCE PINE UMC - SPUMC has been invited to participate in Transformation Journey – a three-year process that helps healthy churches plan for future ministry. This could be a wonderful opportunity for us to pray, dream, and ponder what we believe God is calling us to do. In light of the pandemic, this is an amazing chance for us to build upon our strengths so that we can continue to reach our community in effective manners.

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 – Tracy Carroll is the contact person for the 2nd quarter of 2021 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Her contact number is 828-688-4096.

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 Sanctuary. Change can be brought by the church during office hours. This month your change offerings go to Missions.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we more 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
4/18/21	Tim Drum	Tracy Carroll	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Pending Regular Return	Pending Regular Return
4/25/21	Bruce Ikard	Bruce Ikard	Stan & Lisa Cook	Pending Regular Return	Pending Regular Return
5/2/21	Matt Hollifield	Troy Hoilman	Bobbi Abele / Danna Gibson	Pending Regular Return	Pending Regular Return
5/9/21	Jack Riley	Chelsea Thayer	Susan Basini/Terre McNamara	Pending Regular Return	Pending Regular Return
5/16/21	Sharon Drum	Kathay Hollifield	Dottie Myers/Becky Nance	Pending Regular Return	Pending Regular Return
5/23/21	Jane DeVos	Sharon Drum	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Pending Regular Return	Pending Regular Return

REGULAR MEETINGS ** denotes currently meeting – others on hiatus			
GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
Care and Fellowship	2 nd Tuesdays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice (soft)	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey 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.

THANKS, PRAISES & CELEBRATIONS – For the good health report for Martha Long! ; Congratulations and Happy (church-membership) Anniversary go out to Nelle and Lloyd Glenn. Nell joined the church on March 1, 1951 and Lloyd joined the church on March 6, 1961. We are so honored to have you as the longest-standing members of the SPUMC family! - Chloe Cook – Gold Honor Roll and Harris top grades for Math and Social Studies; Brad Hodges – new job; *Amanda Ikard*, John & Jasper – (New baby Asher); Blake Thayer – A honor roll, Oliver Sparks – B honor roll

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 2021; *Sandra Woodard*; *Tim Hollifield*; 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; 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; Jessie Wray; John Stafford (safety) & Ashley Stafford (John's wife - expecting); *Lisa & Stan Cook*; Becky Dainotto and family (health issues and deaths in family); Jack – (depression & anxiety issues) ; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin* – major spinal and leg problems)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Vernon Payne (relative of *Eva Jobin*); the family of Cathie Vance Beam; the family of Ray Garland (Niki Jones' father); the family of Thomas Bell; the family of Chris Fontanez; the family of Jean Owensby; *the family of Roy McFee*; *the family of Tony Woodby on the passing of his Mother*; the family of Ernest Canipe (Richard's father); the family of Martha "Muffy" Dayton; the family of Ashley O'Sullivan; the family of Jeannie Parker (aunt of Gary Curtis); the family of Judy Carson

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; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*; Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Larry (transplant list); Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Linda Seaman - Becky Dainotto's sister (surgery); Nelson Hall (Melanie's brother – knee replacement); Shelby Sparks (friend of Mary Robinson, awaiting test results); Ed Saunders (Amputation below the knee); Carolyn Sproles (fall/surgery); Tommy Phillips, *Starli McDowell's dad* (4 weeks of IV antibiotics from brain surgery) ; *Danna Gibson* – (*recovery from surgery*); *Judy Williams (Recovery from surgery)*; *Martha Long- (recovery from surgery)*

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Judy Rinard (back in apartment); 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); Tessie Miller – Leukemia; Johnny Pendley – (Multiple Myeloma); Arlene Baskin – (Gary's wife)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Doris (*Eva's* aunt); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Louise Weeks (rehab); 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 Halpaine (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)*; *Frank Baskin (Kidney stones)*; *Tim & Kathey Hollifield (recovery)*; *Jim Sockwell (beginning dialysis)*

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; local couple who lost everything in a fire

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			
4/14 – Troy Hoiolman		4/15 – Tracy Carroll	4/16 – Dolly Phillips
PRESENCE:		Sunday, April 4, 2021	Sunrise – 36, 11:00 – 63
GIFTS	April 4, 2021	General Fund - \$5,688.00	Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00
		VANCO March - \$2,419.60	
		Year to Date - \$71,077.56	YTD Budget Need – \$74,466.00
		VANCO March Community Asst. - \$48.30	Change offering – Missions – \$22.03
		Community Assistance - \$1,450.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 9

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!

****Next Week's Scriptures – Sunday, April 18, 2021****

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48