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May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – 11:00 am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Rick Schilling, Pastor

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** THE WORD “WORSHIP” COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD FOR “WORTHY.” WHEN WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD, WE ARE DECLARING THAT GOD ALONE IS “WORTHY” OF OUR LIVES AND OUR PRAISE.

## GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Vern Coulter

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Announcements**

**^Greeting**

Matt Hollifield

Leader: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

## OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

**^Call to Worship**

Matt Hollifield

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, and the light of unconditional love.

**Let us praise God, our provider, the vine that gives all goodness.**

**^Opening Hymn**

*“Come and Find the Quiet Center”*

TFWS 2128

**^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace**

Matt Hollifield

Together, let us pray to our God who includes everyone at the table of blessing...

**Gracious God, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new**

beginnings. Teach us to love what you love, and prune that which does not nourish your creation. Amen.

Reception of New Member

Larry Bohannon Goldman - (11 am Service)

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Troy Hoilman

*(Following the children's message, parents of small children may choose to escort their little ones to our church nursery: our nursery volunteers will meet you in the welcome center just outside the sanctuary.)*

Anthem

"In This Moment of Remembrance"

SPUMC Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-39

CEB 1335

Proclamation of the Word

"Neo the Savior"

Rev. Rick Schilling

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Prayer / Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation / Celebration of Holy Communion

^Closing Hymn

"A Place at the Table" (vs. 1 & 5)

Worship & Song 3149

Benediction/Benediction Music

"Rule of Life"

SPUMC Choir

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^If able, Please Stand

## 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.

## MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPUMC SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE SERVICE** – is available three ways. 1. Go to [www.sprucepineumc.org](http://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.

**THE SPUMC BOOK CLUB** has resumed meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am (May 4<sup>th</sup>) in the church parlor or at the Rose Garden. Books for May: *Sold on Monday* – Kristina McMorris, and *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* – Charlie Mackesy.

**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!

**SUMMIT YOUTH AND HILLTOPPERS** – Sundays-Fellowship Hall & youth room 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
5/9/21	Jack Riley	Chelsea Thayer	Susan Basini/Terre McNamara	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return
5/16/21	Sharon Drum	Bruce Ikard	Dottie Myers/Becky Nance	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return
5/23/21	Jane DeVos	Sharon Drum	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return
5/30/21	Kathay Hollifield	Ginny Downs	Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return
6/6/21	Randy Hembree	Beverly Greene	Tom & Eva Jobin	Pending Full Return	Pending Full Return

## REGULAR MEETINGS - bold denotes currently meeting – others on hiatus

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am (resumes this month)	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
<b>Care and Fellowship</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>Danna Gibson</b>
<b>SPUMC Book Club</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am</b>	<b>Parlor</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
<b>Choir Practice (soft)</b>	<b>Wednesdays - 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Kathay Hollifield</b>
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!

**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; Myra Habernack Strube; Ann Butler & family; Sam & Jenell Young; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; Jaden Pernell; Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (health); Robert Kissel (stress); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Saylor family; Jessie Wray; John Stafford (safety) & Ashley Stafford (John's wife - expecting); 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); *Glenna & George Tasedan*

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** *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; *the family of Betty Sparks*

**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); 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)*; Denise Lord (*Don & Bobbi's granddaughter – Thyroid cancer surgery*); Kensley Littlejohn (16 month old great niece of *Glen DeVos*, neurological issues)

**FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; 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 (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); James Acuff (chemo)

**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Doris (*Eva's aunt*); Jeanette Dellinger; Louise Weeks (rehab); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Barbara ( heart attack); 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)*; *Jim Sockwell (beginning dialysis)*; Stacey Howell Singleton (hospitalization); Jeanne Parker (Gary Curtis' aunt – In Hospice – stroke); Trish Niven (friend of *Jane DeVos – Medical issues*)

**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 coronavirus; for workers and business owners who are hurting now

**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*)

*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			
3 – David Misicka		6 – Harper Drum	8 - Lila Baskin
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>Sunday, April 25, 2021</b>	<b>9:00 – 27, 11:00 – 50 Total - 77</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>April 25, 2021</b>	General Fund - \$2,347.00	Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00
		Year to Date - \$85,246.56	YTD Budget Need – \$90,423.00
		Change offering – Missions – \$19.39	Community Assistance - \$500.00
		Roof Fund - \$570.00	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 31

**SERVICE:** Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...

Lector: Matt Hollifield Greeters: Bobbi Able / Danna Gibson Children's Time: Troy Hoilman Prelude: Vernon Coulter

**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, May 9, 2021\*\***

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17