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July 25th, 2021 - 9 & 11 am

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

"Chanson Celeste"

Kathy Miller

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Meredith Hoilman

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.

God is indeed our light and our salvation.

We will follow, unafraid, where Jesus leads us.

Let us worship our God of resurrection promise.

All: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

^Opening Hymn

"Sanctuary"

TFWS 2164

^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

Meredith Hoilman

To the God who calls us into unity, let us pray...

Generous God, you give us what we need and satisfy our desires in due season.

Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through your Spirit, and that

Christ may dwell in our hearts, through faith, in order to accomplish far more

than all we ask or can imagine. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message (11 am)

Ginny Downs

(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.)

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 & Micah 6:6-8

CEB 1381 & 1129

Proclamation of the Word

"The God Zone"

Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer / Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

^Closing Hymn

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

TFWS 2174

Benediction/Benediction Music

"Rule of Life"

SPUMC Choir

^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.

JULY / AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GATHERING TODAY - Today, Sunday, July 25 - 4:00-6:00pm, there will be a gathering at the church for youth to play games and build ice cream sundaes. Invite your friends and come indulge in some cold, sweet, goodness!

EMPTY BOWLS DINNER & SILENT AUCTION – Pastor Rick has tickets for the Empty Bowls Meal Fundraiser for Shepherd's Staff. Cost is 30.00 for a handmade bowl and soup. The date is Saturday, August 14 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at First Baptist church of Spruce Pine.

AUGUST BOOK CLUB SELECTION - The SPUMC Book Club book for August 2, 2021 (in the Rose Garden) is *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* by Sharyn McCrumb.

SPUMC 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.

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!

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

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY - Andy Palmer is hosting a small group at his house on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. Come join the group as they discuss the Bible, ask tough questions about faith and life, and get to better know each other's life story. The address is 287 Longview Drive in Bakersville.

CONTACT PERSON –Larry Bohannon Goldman is the contact person for the 3rd quarter of 2021 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. His number is 828-592-1156.

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 One Day with God Camp (High Country Prison Ministry).

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
8/1/21	Dwight Willett	Beverly Greene	Matt & Brandi Miller	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
8/8/21	Tim Drum	Sharon Drum	Becky Nance / Jan Hamilton	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
8/15/21	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Framton & Danna Gibson	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
8/22/21	Matt Hollifield	Bruce Ikard	Don & Bobbi Abele	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
8/29/21	Jack Riley	Rick Schilling	Jack & Ursula Chandler	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>

REGULAR MEETINGS - bold denotes currently meeting – others on hiatus

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
Care and Fellowship	2nd Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
SPUMC Book Club	1st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UMW Nightingale Circle	2nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice (soft)	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathay Hollifield
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
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 our Graduates: Alli Ledford and Troy Hoilman

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 addition: 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); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Saylor family; Jessie Wray; John Stafford (safety) & Ashley Stafford (John's wife - expecting); Jack – (depression & anxiety issues) ; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin* – major spinal and leg problems)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: *the family of Betty Sparks*; the family of Rhonda Gouge (Everette & Sena Gouge (Rhonda's parents have passed)); the family of Marsha Murphy; for the family of Coy Hollifield; for the family of Jimmy Phillips; the family of Ted Ledford; the family of David Ellis; Diane Trusedell; the family of Ray Samuel Harkey; the family of Vicky Hoilman

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); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Carolyn Sproles; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); Larry (transplant list); Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Linda Seaman - Becky Dainotto's sister (surgery); Carolyn Sproles (fall/surgery); Tommy

Phillips, (*Starli McDowell's* dad); Angie Tyrone (seriously ill friend of *Ginny Downs*); *Sam Young* – (recovery from ablation); Judy Broadway (recovery); *Randy Hembree* – (recovery from heart surgery & stroke); *Kathey Hollifield* (recovery from knee surgery); Ed Saunders (double amputation below the knee)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Judy Rinard (now in assisted living); Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (chemo/kidney failure); Lawrence Glenn; Raymond Mayberry; Randall McKinney (prostate); Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma); Diane Meatyard; 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); Lynda Kaye (Kathey Hollifield's sister); Kent McLaughlin w/wife Suzie Lindsey (pancreatic cancer); Susan Wilson (stage 4 ovarian cancer); Ann Kernahan; unnamed church member; Vicky Blalock (Lila's niece); Scott Jenkins; Maggie (friend of *Neil Brown*); Peggy Grantham (Phil White's Mother in Law - fighting bladder cancer)

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); Helen & Joey Brooks (fall); Frances Lail (*Eva Jobin's Aunt*, COVID); *Gary Baskin* (health); *John Campbell* (heart); *Jim Sockwell* (beginning dialysis); Trish Niven (friend of *Jane DeVos* – Medical issues); John Casey (congestive heart failure & wife Pat / caretaker); Becky Griffith (friend of *Jane DeVos* – serious stroke); Harlan Carroll (viral pneumonia, lesion on kidney); *Freddy Jones* (fall); Rev. Jacob Kyker (*Neil Brown's* friend – stroke);

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; people of Cuba

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); 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					ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
26 – Vandy Jeffers	27 – Devon Potter, Phil White	28 – Beth Bell, Bill Dailey, Tim Drum, Hal Harrison, Brad Hodges	29 – Dottie Myers	30 – Margaret Troxler	27 – Alan & Sara Powell	31 – Aaron & Grace Buchanan
PRESENCE:		Sunday, July 18, 2021			9:00 – 29, 11:00 – 53 Total - 82	
GIFTS	July 18, 2021	General Fund - \$7,086.00			Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00	
		Year to Date - \$136,165.05			YTD Budget Need – \$154,251.00	
		Change offering – High Country Prison Ministry –\$34.25				
		Community Assistance - \$150.00			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -109	

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

Lector: Meredith Hoilman Greeters: Greg & Meredith Hoilman Children's Time: Ginny Downs
Special Music: Chancel Choir Prelude: Kathy Miller

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, August 1, 2021****

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12 :13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35