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September 26th, 2021 9 & 11 am 18th 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

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Prelude

"Go Joyfully"

Kathy Miller

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Based on Numbers 11:16-29

John Campbell

Upon this gathering of your people,
pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
Be near to us and speak your words to us,
and we will proclaim your glory.

^Opening Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

UMH 162

^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace

John Campbell

Let us join our voices in prayer...

God of courage, you gave Esther the strength to speak out and the intelligence needed to save her people. Help us believe that you are still present and active in this world, and that your grace remains as an everlasting guide for us to help change this world... for your great name. 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.)

Special Music

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

SPUMC Choir

Scripture Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

CEB 621, 622, 624

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation / Celebration of Holy Communion (9:00 only)

^Closing Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu"

UMH 432

Benediction/Benediction Music

"Shalom to You"

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.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING – Bishop Ken Carter encourages all churches in the Western NC Conference to participate in a Special Sunday Offering THIS Sunday, September 26, to support ongoing disaster response efforts in the North Carolina mountains. These communities suffered much loss and damage in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Fred. According to the North Carolina Department of Safety, recovery from Tropical Storm Fred will likely be a three- to four-year process. If you wish to give, write a check to the church and we will get it to the conference.

UMW MEETING TIME CHANGE – The Nightingale Circle will still meet on the 2nd Monday of the month, but the time has been changed from 7 pm until 3 pm.

SUMMIT YOUTH – will meet again on Sunday afternoon this week from 4 to 5 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday, September 29th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship hall to finalize the 2022 budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, October 3, in the Fellowship Hall, just after the 11 am service.

CHARGE CONFERENCE – Sunday, October 10th at 1:30 pm on Zoom. The link will be posted soon.

UMW BREAKFAST BAKE SALE – October 10th, there will be baked muffins, coffee cakes, breads, jellies for our sale. Ladies, please consider baking items for this fundraiser.

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

GIVING – We have 4 ways in which you can respond to God through your financial giving:

1. During the in-person worship services. We have our offering plates in the Narthex - as you enter and leave the sanctuary.

2. U.S. Mail. You can send the church your offerings by mailing them to Spruce Pine UMC, 11090 Hwy 226S, Spruce Pine NC 28777.

3. You can drop off your offerings during church business hours, which are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4. Online. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org. Click on the "Give" tab, then on the "Donate Now" button that pops up.

Thank you for being faithful in your giving to the ministries of Spruce Pine UMC. We remain committed to being the "Beacon on the Hill" for Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, and beyond.

SPUMC SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE CONNECTION – is available three ways:

1. Go to www.sprucepineumc.org , then click *Online Connection*. You can then load it from there on Sunday mornings.

2. 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 content.

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!

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. The contact people for the 4th quarter are Danna Gibson & Bobbi Abele.

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 Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministry. October – Shepherd's Staff & M-Y Parish Food Pantry.

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
10/3/21	Beverly Greene	Kathy Hollifield	Tom & Eva Jobin	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
10/10/21	Janet Ouzts	TBA	Jack Riley / Frank Baskin	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
10/17/21	Matt Miller	Tracy Carroll	Stan & Lisa Cook	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
10/24/21	Grant Sparks	Bruce Ikard	Don Abele / David Goodnight	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
10/31/21	Tracy Deyton	Pastor Rick	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
Care and Fellowship	2 nd Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 3 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice (soft)	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Small Group Study	Thursdays – 6:30 pm	287 Longview Dr. Bakersville	Andy Palmer

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; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2021; *Sandra Woodard*; *Tim Hollifield*; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Rick Aldridge; Faye Vickers family; 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; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernell; Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (health); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Saylor family; Jessie Wray; Jack; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin* – spinal and leg problems); Robert McKenzie

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Judy Rinard, the family of David Hoeppner; the family of Rev. Warren Owens (First Methodist – Marion); the family of Alec Alvord (former DS of our district), the family of Kent McLaughlin; the family of Albert Williams; the family of Jennifer LeMieux; the family of Florence Woody

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); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Larry (transplant list); Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Tommy Phillips, (*Starli McDowell's* dad); Angie Tyrone (seriously ill friend of *Ginny Downs*); Judy Broadway (recovery); *Randy Hembree* – (recovery); Ed Saunders (double amputation below the knee); *Barbara Henline* (back home); *Kathy Miller*; *Jim Sockwell* – (back home); Colby Calhoun (recovery from surgery & COVID)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Holly (brain tumor); 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); 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 (Kathy Hollifield's sister); Wilson (stage 4 ovarian cancer); Ann Kernahan; unnamed church member; Vicky Blalock (Lila's niece); Peggy Grantham (Phil White's Mother in Law - bladder cancer); Jackie Cook; Tommy Collis; John Casey

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Jeanette Dellinger; Louise Weeks (rehab); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Erin Habernack Halpainy (health); *Gary Baskin* (health); 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); Rev. Jacob Kyker (*Neil Brown's* friend – stroke); Sadie Struble – (broken hip); Charlene Phillips (COVID); Charles Sproles (heart); Fred LeMieux – (recovery); Lila (Allen & Sylvia Beaver's granddaughter – covid); Kevin Ziemba (hospitalization); Joyce Alvarez (recovery from broken hip)

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; Earthquake victims in Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; flood victims of Haywood County; flood victims of Waverly, TN; victims of Hurricane Ida

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.

CORRECT BIRTHDAYS FROM LAST WEEK				CORRECT ANNIVERSARY FROM LAST WEEK	
19 – Brandt Thayer	20 – Matt Miller	24 – Emree Hoilman		22 – Paul & Sherry Sherman	
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK				ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
26 – Bryan Thayer	28 – Laura Curtis Hodges	28 – Tyler Dunn	10/2 – Madeline McKenzie	26 – George & Glenna Taseden	28 – Ray & Joyce Alvarez
PRESENCE:		Sunday, September 19, 2021		9:00 - 22 11:00 – 35	
GIFTS	September 19, 2021	General Fund - \$5,705.00		Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00	
		Year to Date - \$198,023.43		YTD Budget Need – \$202,522.00	
		Change offering–Bridge of Hope –\$14.91		Shepherd's Staff Food - 58	

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

Lector: John Campbell Greeters: Lloyd & Nelle Glenn Children's Time: Ginny Downs

Prelude: Kathy Miller Special Music: Chancel Choir

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, October 3, 2021****

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26 or Psalm 25; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16