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October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 9 & 11 am

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director  
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist  
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

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*"Amazing Grace"*

Kathey Hollifield & Sharon Drum

## OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

**^Call to Worship**

Beverly Greene

Praise be to God who has called us together.

**We come here seeking healing and hope.**

Open your hearts to God's redeeming love.

**Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways.**

**^Opening Hymn**

*"I Come With Joy"*

UMH 617

**^Opening Prayer / Blessing of Peace**

Beverly Greene

To our God who invites all to the Table, let us pray...

**Great Holy Mystery, Bread of Heaven, you have called us to be your witnesses, to proclaim the good news in good times and in bad. Sanctify us and help us see ourselves in you, the living body of the risen Christ, broken and poured out to feed a hungry world. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Children's Message (11 am)**

Kathey Hollifield

*(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**

**"Bread of Heaven"**

SPUMC Choir

Scripture Reading

Psalm 147:3, Lamentations 3:21-24,  
Matthew 26:38-39, Romans 8:38-39

CEB 779, 1001  
CEB 1209, 1377

Proclamation of the Word

“S.O.S.”

Matt Hollifield

## HOLY COMMUNION AND RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation / Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Tracy Carroll

^Closing Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

UMH 618

Benediction/Benediction Music “May You Run and Not Be Weary”

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.

## OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** – This afternoon, October 3, in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11 am service.

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – to help Skylar with the nursery during the 11 am worship service. We need someone to stay with her and the children for the rest of the year to comply with Safe Sanctuary policies. If you are interested, please call Mariea Tountasakis at (828) 766-8551 or email her at [mtountasakis@crossnore.org](mailto:mtountasakis@crossnore.org). Thanks to Janet Ouzts, who is on the nursery schedule for this week.

**DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING** - Bishop Ken Carter encourages all churches in the Western NC Conference to participate in a Special Sunday Offering last 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, or didn't have a chance to give, simply 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**UMW BREAKFAST BAKE SALE** – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 (especially as it is getting cooler), 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](http://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](http://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** – Danna Gibson & Bobbi Abele are the contact people for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Danna's # is 766-7176. Bobbi's # is 828-374-0004.

**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 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
10/10/21	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 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
SPUMC Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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; Patch Hailey, age 3, Keziah Nance's birthday buddy

**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); 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 Haberneck 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 (home under hospice care, and for Beth as primary Caregiver); 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.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK			ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
6 – Ed Martin	8 – Randy Hembree	9 – Pat Ross	3 – Rick & Suzanne Schilling	5 – Bert & Diane Sheeley
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>Sunday, September 26, 2021</b>		<b>9:00 - 31 11:00 – 60</b>
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>September 26, 2021</b>	General Fund - \$3,165.00		Weekly budget need - \$5,319.00
		Year to Date - \$201,188.43		YTD Budget Need – \$207,841.00
		UMW Adopt a Class - \$100.00		
		UMCOR Disaster Relief - \$145.00		Shepherd's Staff - \$50.00
		Change offering–Bridge of Hope –\$11.45		Shepherd's Staff Food - 7

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

Lector: Beverly Greene      Greeters: To Be Announced      Children's Time: Kathy Hollifield  
Prelude: Kathy Hollifield & Sharon Drum, Clarinet      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 10, 2021\*\***

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31