



Spruce Pine  
United Methodist Church



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May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 9 & 11 am

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Ascension 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

Instrumental Ensemble

## OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Greeting/Call to Worship

Sharon Drum

Praise the Lord everyone!

**For our Savior has been raised on high!**

Jesus Christ who was crucified has risen from the grave,

**and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

Jesus will come again, bringing the fullness of God's kingdom.

**Praise be to God!**

^Opening Hymn

*“The Church's One Foundation”*

UMH 545

^Opening Prayer / Passing of Peace

Sharon Drum

Let us offer our prayer to the One who prays for us...

**O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults, keep us near to you in the hours of each day that by the power of Jesus' prayer for us and the light of your Word, we might drink of your living water, know true joy, and serve you to the end of time. Amen.**

...and may the peace of Christ be with you now.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Chelsea Thayer

*(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

*"A Bright Flame"*

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26

CEB 1316

Proclamation of the Word

*"Love to the Nth Degree"*

Rev. Rick Schilling

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offertory Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation/Celebration of Holy Communion (9 am only)

^Closing Hymn

*"We Are God's People"*

TFWS 2220

Benediction/Benediction Music

*"We Are the Church" (558)*

Chancel 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 / JUNE / JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT** – Beginning June 12 and continuing through August 31, we will have a "drop in choir" at the 11:00 service for anyone interested in singing in the choir but unable to commit to weekly rehearsals. We will meet in the sanctuary and briefly rehearse for the anthem. All songs will be old, familiar hymns. Plan to join us at 10:15 on June 12 for our first service.

**BABY SHOWER** - United Methodist Women of Faith and Care/Fellowship Committee are giving Mike and Melanie Murphy's daughter, Michela Buchanan a Baby shower on Saturday, June 11th, at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Sharon Drum or Danna Gibson. Everyone is welcome to attend. Baby Gift registry: <https://www.babylist.com/michela-buchanan>

**UMW COOKOUT** – will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at Swiss Pine Lake Pavilion. We will be at the lake at 2 pm for recreation and the meal will be at 6:00 pm. The Ladies are asking for monetary donations to pay for the hamburgers and hotdogs this year (due to the high cost of meat). Please put cash in an envelope and mark it to UMW Cookout or write a check and mark it to cookout in the memo area. As always, we are asking people to bring their favorite sides and desserts. UMW will provide condiments, drinks, paper products and ice.

**MARY JOHN DYE RETIREMENT** Former SPUMC Pastor, Rev. Mary John Dye, is retiring this year. Her family has set up a "Friends of Mary John" group on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1682096448807996/permalink/1690852457932395/>

The group is open to everyone, and all are invited to join the group and make a video sharing your memories of Mary John. Also, there will be a Zoom celebration gathering on June 5, and a link for the celebration has been posted on the group page.

**SPUMC BOOK CLUB** – The title of the book being read for June is "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the parlor.

**PEW PADS ARE BACK** – Simply fill them out and pass them from the inside to the outside and back. They will be collected after each service!

**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 with the recent spate of evictions), 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 Sundays.
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.

**CONTACT PERSON** – Danna Gibson is the contact person for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Danna's # is 467-5544.

**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** – The change offering container is now located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Change can be brought by the church during office hours. This month change offerings go to Kairos & M-Y Habitat.

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE:

(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
6/5/22	Meredith Hoilman	Sharon Drum	Bert & Diane Sheeley	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
6/12/22	Dwight Willett	Kathay Hollifield	Jack & Ursula Chandler	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
6/19/22	Tim Drum	Ginny Downs	John Campbell & Ginny Downs	<i>Pending Full Return</i>	<i>Pending Full Return</i>
6/26/22	Bruce Ikard	Beverly Greene	Becky Nance / TBA	<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
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
Care and Fellowship	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Danna Gibson
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathay 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** – to all who participated in the Mission Trip; Patch Hailey, age 3, Keziah Nance's birthday buddy (in remission)

**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; all who have COVID and those who are recovering

**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 2022; *Sandra Woodard*; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Faye Vickers family; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Lynda Briggs; Ann Butler & family; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernel; Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (health); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Hal Harrison; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Jessie Wray; Anna Chambers (*Jack Chandler's Cousin*); Robert McKenzie; Joyce (*Martha Long's sister*); Susan Wilson (Hospice); Officer Breanna Toney; Jennifer Miller; Jane Waggoner, Jennie Johnston, Kris Butterwek; Alexis (medical issues); *Jack Chandler*

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Lynda Kaye (*Kathay's sister*); the family of James Buchanan; the family of Emma Lee Wilson; *the family of Ed Saunders*; the family of Richard Brewer; the family of Althea Foley; the family of James Bunn (*brother in law for Nelle Glenn, Freddy Jones, Margarett McGraw*); the family of John Ray Davis (*brother in law to Martha Long*)

**FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Dean (Judy's cousin, transplants); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Tommy Phillips, (*Starli McDowell's* dad); Judy Broadway (recovery); *Randy Hembree – (recovery); Barbara Henline; Jim Sockwell; Lisa Cook; Ursula Chandler (awaiting surgery); Bill Dailey (recovery from back surgery)*

**FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Holly (brain tumor); Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Danny Gortney; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Lawrence Glenn; Raymond Mayberry; Shirl Phillips (melanoma); Lee - Susan Davis' brother (prostate); Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 y/o with cancer); *Norma Smith's sister in law*; Tessie Miller – Leukemia; Johnny Pendley – (Multiple Myeloma); James Acuff (chemo); Wilson (stage 4 ovarian cancer); Ann Kernahan; Vicky Blalock (Lila's niece); Peggy Grantham (bladder cancer); Jackie Cook; Tommy Collis; James Ouzts; Rick Phillips; Shirley Borgeson (melanoma); Bailey Yearout (21 year old with stage 4 cancer); Maliki (teenager with an inoperable brain tumor)

**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Louise Weeks (rehab); Keith Renfro (accident); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Charlene Phillips (COVID); Joyce Alvarez (recovery from broken hip); Wendy Beaver (knee); Louise Merkel (fall, broken ankle); Bill Smith (*Norma Smith's son & her Sister-in-Law*); Barbara Stovall (*Frank Baskin's* sister); *Ken Lentz & Bill Dailey (Sciatic Nerve Inflammation); Shirley Edwards (fall)*

**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; 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; Tornado victims in Kentucky, People of Ukraine

**FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES:** Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill-Deyton Bend UMC; 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:** Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Karen (Istanbul); Ben Potter (Army)

*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					ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
5/30 – Jan Banta	5/30 – Peter Constantian	5/31 – Wayne Henline	6/2 – Maggie Martin	6/2 – Margaret McGraw	6/2 – Doug & Judy Williams
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>Sunday, May 22, 2022</b>		<b>Attendance: 9 am - 22, 11 am – 40 = 62</b>	
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>May 22, 2022</b>	General Fund – \$5,178.00		2022 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,132.00	
		Year to Date - \$94,735.32		YTD Budget Need - \$107,772.00	
				Missions Meal - \$85.00	
		Change Offering – \$6.90 - Kairos		Community Assistance - \$400.00	
		Change Offering – \$6.90 – M-Y Habitat		Shepherd's Staff Food - 27	

*The Spruce Pine UMC is grateful to accept a donation to the General Fund from David & Linda Wyatt in honor of Don & Bobbi Abele for their kindness.*

**SERVICE:** Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...  
 Lector: Sharon Drum      Greeters: Stan & Lisa Cook      Children's Time: Chelsea Thayer  
 Prelude: Instrumental Ensemble      Special Music: SPUMC Choir

**WITNESS:** EASTER IS A 50-DAY SEASON KNOWN AS EASTERTIDE. IT BEGINS ON EASTER MORNING AND ENDS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, THE DAY WE REMEMBER THE GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH. IN ADDITION, ON THE 40<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF EASTERTIDE, WE REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE JESUS' ASCENSION. EASTERTIDE REMINDS US THAT DEATH ISN'T THE END, BUT A NEW BEGINNING. LET'S ALLOW GOD TO BRING NEW LIFE TO US THIS EASTERTIDE (AND BEYOND) IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES AND LEAD US TO PLACES AND PEOPLE WHO NEED GOD'S LOVE TO TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES. HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

**\*\*Next Week's Scriptures – June 5, 2022\*\***

Pentecost Sunday - Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)