



# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church



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September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 11 am

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Prelude

“With This Cup and With This Bread”

Kathy Miller

## OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Greeting/Call to Worship

Kathey Hollifield

God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

**We are called to be faithful to God’s intention.**

God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

**We are given numerous opportunities to witness to God’s love.**

Let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

**Let praise our God who knows us and loves us completely.**

^Opening Hymn

“Break thou the Bread of Life”

UMH 599

^Opening Prayer / Passing of Peace

Kathey Hollifield

Let us join our voices in prayer...

**Lord, from the beginning of creation, you breathed your love into all that you made. You gave us the breath of life and asked us to be good stewards of all creation. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing for you in our world today. Amen.**

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

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

Bruce Ikard

*(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.)*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Prayer and Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Preparation / Celebration of Holy Communion

^Closing Hymn

“Feed Us Lord”

Worship & song 3167

Benediction/Music

“As We Go”

Chancel 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LABOR DAY SUNDAY WORSHIP** – Today! Will be outside, in front of the church (weather permitting). There will be only one service at 11:00 am. Bring a chair, bring a friend!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY** – We will reopen on Tuesday.

#### BIBLE STUDY – CHRISTIANITY 101: What's the Least I can Believe and Still Be a Christian?

Pastor Rick will be leading a 10-week Bible study about the basics of our faith. Inspired by retired United Methodist pastor Martin Thielen's study book, each week we'll discuss half-truths, cultural myths, and rumors about our faith that we do not need to believe. In addition, we'll look at 10 points of our faith that we do need to believe. The study will take place on Mondays from August 22 until October 24. Times are 10:00 a.m. (in-person) and 6:00 p.m. (in-person with a Zoom option).

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT** - On Saturday September 24th there will be a meal packaging event at Higgins UMC. Please help us raise funds for this event then come put some together! We have a goal to package 40,000 meals that day at 30 cents per meal that makes our goal \$12,000. The meals last year went to Sudan. Please consider a donation to the church for this feeding ministry.

**LAMPLIGHTERS** - Our Lamplighter After School Reading Program is a mission of Spruce Pine UMC serving 1st and 2nd graders from Greenlee Primary who have been identified as needing additional assistance learning to read. The program will operate after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are the core of this program and are needed for assistance with one-on-one reading/homework, sharing a special skill or serving snacks. We will have volunteer training on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:00 in the sanctuary. Please contact Melanie Murphy at (828) 467-2154 or Kathey Hollifield at (828) 766-5339 with additional questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

**BREAKING BREAD GANG** - Care/Fellowship Committee is starting a monthly group get-together called the "Breaking Bread Gang" We will meet every second Thursday of the month for lunch at #3 Grill at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Danna Gibson or Bobbi Abele.

### 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 office 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.

**PEW PADS ARE BACK** – Please fill them out and pass them from the inside to the outside and back. They will be collected after each service! These are important to us for contact information and requests.

**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.

**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 3rd 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 *Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministry*.

### 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	10:00	11:00
9/11/22	Tim Drum	Sharon Drum	Glen & Janie DeVos	TBA	TBA
9/18/22	Bruce Ikard	Kathy Hollifield	Stan & Lisa Cook	TBA	TBA
9/25/22	Matt Hollifield	Ginny Downs	TBA	TBA	TBA
10/2/22	Sharon Drum	Beverly Greene	Jack & Ursula Chandler	TBA	TBA

### 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	Kathey Hollifield
Finance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Fellowship Hall	Stan Cook
Trustees	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Fellowship Hall	Don Abele
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** – praises for the two groups of people participating in the new Bible Study.

**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; Skyler and Andrew Stewart; Cooper Foster (Don & Bobbi Abele's Grandson)

**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; Ann Butler & family; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernell; 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*); Jennifer Miller; Jane Waggoner, Jennie Johnston, Kris Butterwek; Alexis (medical issues); *Jack Chandler*; Randy Hembree; Johnny Pendley  
**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Althea Foley; the family of James Bunn (*brother in law of Nelle Glenn, Freddy Jones & Margaret McGraw*); the family of Harrison Glenn (*brother of Lloyd Glenn*); the family of Andreas (Andy) Tountasakis (Michael's dad and *Mariea's Father in Law*); the family of Yonick Baskin (*Lila and Frank's grandson*); the family of Susan Wilson; the family of Wilma Hughes; the family of Alicia Krug (Bo Glenn's mother-in-law)

**FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Wayne Hoilman; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Dean (Judy's cousin, transplants); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Tommy Phillips, (*Starli McDowell's dad*); Jim Sockwell; Barbara Henline (*at home*); Wayne Henline (*knee replacement August 10*); Pastor Lynda Briggs (*recovering from knee replacement and emergency 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; Lee - Susan Davis' brother; Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 y/o with cancer); *Norma Smith's sister in law*; Tessie Miller (Leukemia); James Acuff (chemo); Ann Kernahan; Peggy Grantham (bladder cancer); Jackie Cook; Tommy Collis; James Ouzts; Rick Phillips; Bailey Yearout (21 year old with stage 4 cancer); Julie Phillips (cancer)

**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; Wendy Beaver (knee); Louise Merkel (fall); Bill Smith (*Norma Smith's son & her Sister-in-Law*); Barbara Stovall (*Frank Baskin's sister*); Jesse Wray (*Mary & Scott Wray's son, hospital*); Jasper Fidler (friend of Chloe Cook (fall), *Bill Haberneck (blood pressure)*); Frank Gurley (breathing issues); *Nelle Glenn*; Aaron Young (Tractor Accident)

**FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY:** Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; solutions to gun violence; 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; Flood victims in Kentucky

**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
9/4 – Tim Drum II	9/5 – Jyl Duffy	9/6 – Richie Ritter	9/8 – Angie White	9/9 – Ken Lentz, Kathy Miller	9/10 – Diane Sheeley	9/8 – Jacob & Stephanie Edwards
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>Sunday, August 28, 2022</b>			<b>Attendance: 9 am: 26, 11 am: 64 = 90</b>	
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>August 28, 2022</b>	General Fund – \$4,337.00			2022 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,132.00	
		Year to Date - \$161,798.87			YTD Budget Need - \$174,488.00	
		Shepherd's Staff – \$50.00			Change Offering – \$40.67 – Rise Against Hunger	
		Community Assistance - \$550.00			Shepherd's Staff Food - 26	

*The Spruce Pine United Methodist Church would like to thank the Audrey Davenport Sunday School Class for their generous donation to the "Rise Against Hunger" event.*

**SERVICE:** Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...  
 Lector: Kathey Hollifield      Greeters: Tom & Eva Jobin      Children's Time: Bruce Ikard  
 Prelude: Kathy Miller

**WITNESS:** WE ARE CHRISTMAS PEOPLE. AND WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE. AND... WE ARE PENTECOST PEOPLE. WE ARE GREATLY IMPACTED BY OUR CREATOR COMING UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL, RESURRECTED INTO NEW LIFE ALONG WITH CHRIST, AND WE PARTICIPATE IN THE MIRACULOUS UNIFYING EVENT THROUGH THE SPIRIT. WE ARE NOW IN "ORDINARY" (ORDINAL) TIME IN THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR YEAR. THE PARAMENT COLORS WILL BE GREEN (THE COLOR OF LIFE AND GROWTH) UNTIL WE REACH CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY. LET US LIVE INTENTIONALLY DURING THIS TIME AND NOT FALL INTO "ORDINARY" PATTERNS. LET US REMEMBER WHO AND WHOSE WE ARE.

**\*\*Next Week's Scriptures – September 4, 2022\*\***  
 Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33