



Spruce Pine
United Methodist Church



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March 5th, 2023 – 9 & 11 am

Second Sunday in Lent

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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

“Pié Jesu (Blessed Jesus)”

from Fauré's Requiem

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Greeting/Call to Worship

Beverly Greene

We come this day seeking to encounter Christ.

We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.

Let us open our hearts and strive to have teachable spirits.

May our lives be healed and strengthened for service.

^Opening Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH 98

^Opening Prayer / Passing of the Peace

Beverly Greene

Let us come together in praying to the God who knows each one of us...

Gracious God, you have created us in your image, breathed the breath of life into us, and know all of us by name. With all the chaos and strife around us, give us the wisdom and peace to remember who and whose we are. We are those who walk in the wilderness with Jesus, and we are your children who are invited to your table of grace. Amen.

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

And also with you.

...Let us greet each other with signs of Christ's peace and love.

Children's Message

Ginny Downs

Children's Change Offering (Supporting M-Y Meds Medication Ministry)

(Following the children's message and change offering, 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.)

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem	"Who at My Door is Standing?"	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Mark 5:1-9	CEB 1220
Proclamation of the Word Schilling	"What Is Your Name?"	Rev. Rick

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory	"Gethsemane"	Tim & Sharon Drum - Duet
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95
Pastoral Prayer		
Preparation/Celebration of Holy Communion		
^Closing Hymn	"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"	UMH 629
Benediction/Benediction Music	"God is Good All The Time" (3026)	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.

MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM OUR SPUMC MISSION TEAM We have secured a spot at Big Creek Missions in Western Kentucky and are excited about this opportunity to serve with this ministry. Big Creek is assisting with flood damage that happened this past summer in Leslie and Floyd Counties, Kentucky. They have been doing low-income home repair for decades as well. The best part about this ministry is that you don't have to do construction unless you want to. They partner with other community agencies for other ways to serve. You can visit with homebound senior citizens, work the food pantry or their kid's program. We hope this encourages a lot of people to sign up for this. We will leave for the trip on Sunday, April 23 after church and will return on Friday, April 28.

Check out www.bigcreekmission.com for more information. You can also register yourself for the trip on the website. Log in: melanie@wamycommunityaction.org Password: spumc
Group nickname is Spruce Pine Hands and Feet and the trip is listed as SPUMC Spring Mission Trip 2023. If you have any questions, please text or call Melanie Jirka at 828-260-1714.

Let's go be the Hands and Feet of Jesus!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY Pastor Rick is leading an 8-week Bible study on The Beatitudes, beginning Monday, February 13 and concluding on Monday, April 3. There are 2 options: 10:00 a.m. (in-person) in the Faithlink classroom and **6:00 p.m.** (in-person with a Zoom option) in the Fellowship Hall. What's a Beatitude, you ask? Come on out and study with us. I guarantee you will be "blessed" for the time spent with God and others.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS – Sunday, March 12, 2023. Spring forward and don't be late! Don't forget that Spring starts on Monday, March 20th.

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. Simply drop it in the plate when passed by the ushers.
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. 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.

THE BEACON CENTER (our winter warming station) still has volunteer opportunities. **Our signup sheet is in the Welcome Center.** Call Danna Gibson 828-467-5544 or Bobbi Abele 828-374-0004 for more information.

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, 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 – Maria Douglass and Larry Bohannon Goldman are the new contact persons for the 1st quarter of 2023 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc.

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.

2023 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
3/12/2023	Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Carroll	Don & Bobbi Abele
3/19/2023	Meredith Hoilman	Beverly Greene	Lorraine Campbell
3/26/2023	Dwight Willett	Bruce Ikard	Donnie Peters / Mary Robinson
4/2/2023	John Campbell	Chelsea Thayer	Wayne & Wanda Henline

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday, 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 3 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Care and Fellowship	2 nd Saturday, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Maria Douglass & Larry Bohannon
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Finance	3 rd Thursday - 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	Bert Sheeley
Trustees	3 rd 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 –Congratulations to Jessica & Killian Wustrow on the birth of son Kieran Dane Wustrow!; Celebrating our new member Debby Misicka, those helping with the Beacon Center, those involved in the youth group.

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*); Rev. Dr. Ted Troutman (*friend of Don Abele*)

SUSTAINING PRAYERS: Our homebound members; Brian Center & Mitchell House Residents, Staff, and Families; June Wilson; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2023; *Sandra Woodard*; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Ann Butler & family; Andy Grindstaff; Bob Cook; Jaden Pernel; 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*; Charles Sproles; Alan & Wendy Willis & family (*Lila Baskin's family*); Rylan McMahan – (great nephew of *Becky Nance* – premature and in the NICU)
FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Justin Redden; *the family of Laura Haberneck*: the family of Cole Ibrom (*grandson of Diane & Bert Sheeley*); the family of *Frank Baskin's* sister Barbara Stovall; *the family of Johnny Pendley* (*brother of Mary Robinson*); the family of Mark Butler (Niki Jones' brother); the family of Randy Virnelson; the family of Keith Renfro; the family of Keith Masters; the family and friends of Dave Wylie; the family of Bailey Yearout; the family of Patricia Douglass (*Maria's Mother*): the family of Jessica Ringwood; the family of Jeffrey Richardson; the family of Joe Montgomery

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); *Marcia Dunn*; *Diane Sheeley* (recovery); *Bill Dailey* (recovery); *Bruce Ikard* (recovery); *Rev. Mary John Dye* (upcoming treatment)

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); Tessie Miller (Leukemia); James Acuff (chemo); Ann Kernahan; Jackie Cook; Tommy Collis; *James Ouzts*; Rick Phillips; Julie Phillips (cancer); Weston Atkins (8 month old / cancer); Peggy Grantham (bladder cancer, Phil White's Mother in Law); Lisa Graham (starting chemotherapy)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; Louise Weeks (rehab); Ann Butler; Josh (muscular dystrophy); Jasper Fidler (friend of Chloe Cook - fall), *Bill Haberneck* (blood pressure); Frank Gurley (breathing issues); *Nelle Glenn*; Nathan Buchanan (recovery); Chris Askeland (blood clots); *Tim Hollifield* (*Lyme disease*); Dori Sweatt Beck (Auto immune disorder); Jaydon Stevens (Diabetes); *Frank Baskin*; Carl Weatherman (health issues); Johnnie Thomas (COVID – *Eva Jobin's Father*); *Lorraine Campbell's brother* – (fall, 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; solutions to gun violence; Earthquake victims in Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; flood victims of Haywood County; flood victims of Waverly, TN; Tornado victims in Kentucky, People of Ukraine; Flood victims in Kentucky, victims of Hurricane Ian; victims of gun violence in Michigan; earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

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.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK		ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
7 – Bert Sheeley		8 – Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	
PRESENCE:		Sunday, February 26, 2023	
GIFTS	2/26/2023	Attendance: 9-27 11-63 Total - 90	
	General Fund – \$3,000.00	2023 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,431.00	
	Year to Date - \$39,888.84	YTD Budget Need - \$43,448.00	
	Community Assistance – \$300.00		
	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - \$120.00	Kentucky Mission Trip - \$25.00	
	Change Offering – Community Assistance – \$45.05	Shepherd's Staff Food - 24	

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

Lector: Beverly Greene Greeters: Becky Nance Children's Time: Ginny Downs
Special Music – Chancel Choir Prelude: Kathy Miller Offertory: Tim & Sharon Drum - Duet

WITNESS: WE ARE IN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY TOWARDS JESUS'S CROSS – AND OURS. IN THE WILDERNESS, SURROUNDED BY TRIALS, TEMPTATIONS, AND UNKNOWN, OUR JOURNEYS WILL REVEAL THAT ALTHOUGH WE WILL TASTE DEATH, WE WILL NOT DIE, THIS IS PART OF THE BETTER STORY GOD HAS FOR US. MAY WE BE INTENTIONAL IN OUR WILDERNESS JOURNEYS TO ADDRESS THE AREAS OF OUR LIVES THAT NEED NEW LIFE. AND AS WE ENTER JERUSALEM WITH JESUS, LET US HELP BRING THE LIGHT OF TRUTH AND LOVE DURING THE HARDEST PERIOD IN OUR FAITH WALKS. WE WAIT. WE WALK. WE ANTICIPATE. WE CHANGE.

****Next Week's Scriptures – March 12, 2023****

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42