



Spruce Pine  
United Methodist Church



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March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 9 & 11 am

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Chelsea Thayer

We come to the well of fear and worry.  
**We have drawn deeply of those waters.**  
We come to the well of anger and hate.  
**These waters flourish in our land.**  
Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.  
**Lord, bring us to Your well of salvation.**

^Opening Hymn

*“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”*

UMH 644

^Opening Prayer / Passing of the Peace

Chelsea Thayer

To our God in whom we live, move, and have our being, let us pray...

**Creator God, you are living water. As we worship you this day, show us who we are created to be: channels of your love and vessels of your grace. For the sake of a transformed creation, we pray. 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

Tracy Carroll

**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	"O Come and Mourn"	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:25-34	CEB 1176
Proclamation of the Word	<i>"What Are You Worried About?"</i>	Rev. Rick Schilling

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory	"Deep River"	Michael Murphy - Trombone
Doxology	<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH 95
Pastoral Prayer		
Preparation/Celebration of Holy Communion (9 am only)		
^Closing Hymn	<i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (vs.1,2 &amp;6)</i>	UMH 138
Benediction/Benediction Music	<i>"Jesus, Name Above All Names" (2071)</i>	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 / APRIL 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](http://www.bigcreekmission.com) for more information. You can also register yourself for the trip on the website. Log in: [melanie@wamycommunityaction.org](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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](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.

**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](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** – 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
3/19/2023	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 <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	Maria Douglass & Larry Bohannon
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Finance	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	Bert Sheeley
Trustees	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Fellowship Hall	Don Abele

## 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*; 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 Pernell; Doris Deyton; Shane Heath; 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; Rylan McMahan – (great nephew of *Becky Nance* – premature and in the NICU)

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** 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 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); Julie Smith Ackiss (chemo)

**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); John Campbell (surgery & recovery)

**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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK						
12 - Tom Jobin	13 - Sara Allen	13 - Barbara Henline	14 - Jim McManus	14 - Sara Powell	15 - Jodi Rhymmer	16 - Landon Miller
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>Sunday, March 5, 2023</b>		<b>Attendance: 9-25 11-68 Total - 93</b>		
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>3/5/2023</b>	General Fund - \$3,295.00		2023 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,431.00		
		VANCO Online Giving - February - \$2,456.93		YTD Budget Need - \$48,879.00		
		Year to Date - \$45,640.77		VANCO Online Community Asst. - 150.50		
		Community Assistance - \$1,920.00		Shepherd's Staff - \$500.00		
		Mitchell Co. SafePlace - \$500.00		M_Y Parish Food Pantry - \$500.00		
		Change Offering - M-Y Meds - \$55.00		Shepherd's Staff Food - 27		

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

Lector: Chelsea Thayer      Greeters: Don & Bobbi Abele      Children's Time: Tracy Carroll  
Special Music - Chancel Choir      Prelude: Instrumental Ensemble      Offertory: Mike Murphy - Trombone

**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 19, 2023\*\***

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41