



Spruce Pine United Methodist Church



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May 7th, 2023 – 9 & 11 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
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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

“In Remembrance of Me”

Instrumental Ensemble

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Call to Worship

Jane DeVos

The Lord is our refuge.

We can find peace in God’s abiding love.

When troubles assail us, let us call upon the Lord.

When joys abound, let us call upon the Lord.

We are in the presence of God, our rock and fortress.

Thank you, God, for your refuge and sanctuary.

^Opening Hymn

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

UMH 405

^Opening Prayer / Passing of the Peace

Jane DeVos

To our God who always watches over us, let us pray...

Almighty God, in Christ you show us the way, reveal to us the truth, and offer us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly. 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 (11 am)

Tracy Carroll

Children’s Change Offering (to benefit Kairos & M-Y Habitat)

(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	"Creation Sings"	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	John 14:1-14	CEB 1312
Proclamation of the Word	<i>"Will You Be Satisfied"</i>	Rev. Rick Schilling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory	"Abide With Me"	Vernon Coulter
^Doxology	<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	UMH 95
Pastoral Prayer		
Preparation/Celebration of Holy Communion (9:00 & 11:00)		
^Closing Hymn	<i>"Victory in Jesus"</i>	UMH 370
Benediction/Benediction Music	<i>"Nothing Can Trouble" (2054)</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.

MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHWIDE TOWNHALL STYLE GATHERING – Today, Sunday, May 7th, 2023. Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please see the rose colored insert in the bulletin.

UMW/UWIF MEETING – Monday, May 8th at 3:00 pm in the Welcome Center.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Meets on Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

TRUSTEES – meet on Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEALS RETURN – Our Wonderful Wednesday meals are back on the third Wednesday of each month. This month, on Wednesday May 17 at 6:00 p.m., the Care & Fellowship team is sponsoring a "Comfort Food" themed night of wonderfully indulgent and comforting foods. Whatever you define as a comfort food, you are invited to bring that dish to share with everyone. Save the date and come out for a great meal and fellowship with your church family. We look forward to gathering with everyone!

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.

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 – Larry Bohannon Goldman is the contact person for the 1st half of 2023 and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. His number is 828-592-1156 and his email is mrbooscience@gmail.com

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
5/14/2023	Matt Hollifield	Beverly Greene	Tom & Eva Jobin
5/21/2023	TBA	Bruce Ikard	Glen & Jane DeVos
5/28/2023	Bryan Thayer	Chelsea Thayer	Debby Misicka
6/4/2023	Tim Drum	Sharon Drum	TBA

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
Trustees	3 rd Thursday	Fellowship Hall	Don Abele
Finance	4 th Thursday - 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	Bert Sheeley

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!; 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; Rylan McMahan – (great nephew of *Becky Nance* – premature and in the NICU); Alan Willis (recovery); Olivia Cook (Killian Wustrow's sister – recovery); Bruce Woody; Anna & Chuck & 5 children, Phil White's Daughter & family (house fire)

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 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; the family of Jane Waggoner (mother of Linda Wyatt); the family of Janice Floess (*Bert Sheeley's sister*); the family of Gerri VanOver (*sister of Jack Riley*); the family of Johnnie Thomas (*Eva Jobin's Father*); the family of Carl Weatherman; the family of Bruce McKinney (*Lorraine Campbell's brother*); the family of Carl Weatherman; the family of Charles Aldridge

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*; *Frank Baskin* (tests); Daniel Buchanan (recovery from heart attack); Pauline Dials (Abdominal surgery, friend of *Gloria Hoepfner*)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Holly (brain tumor); Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Danny Gortney; Erin (brain cancer); Raymond Mayberry; Shirl Phillips; Lee - Susan Davis' brother; Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 y/o with cancer); Tessie Miller (Leukemia); Ann Kernahan; Tommy Collis; *James Ouzts*; Rick Phillips; Julie Phillips (cancer); Weston Atkins (8 month old / cancer); Lisa Graham (starting chemotherapy); Julie Smith Ackiss (chemo); Pat Coffey (cancer / radiation treatments) ; Peggy Grantham (bladder cancer, Phil White's Mother in Law); Mary Garland (recent cancer diagnosis)

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); Nathan Buchanan (recovery); Chris Askeland (blood clots); *Tim Hollifield (Lyme disease)*; Dori Sweatt Beck (Auto immune disorder); Jaydon Stevens (Diabetes); *John Campbell (recovery)*; *Jon Jirka (infected foot)*; Katherine Ledford (shoulder surgery in Amman Jordan)

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; earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria; victims of gun violence in the US and the world

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			ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
8 th – Lila Baskin	11 – Gilbert Buchanan	13 – John Wilson	10 th – Josh & Jennifer Newton	12 th – Tim & Sharon Drum
PRESENCE:		Sunday, April 30, 2023	Attendance: 9 – 31 11 – 60 = 91	
GIFTS	4/30/2023	General Fund – \$3,244.88	2023 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,431.00	
		VANCO Online April Giving - \$1,836.91		
		Year to Date - \$85,468.10	YTD Budget Need - \$87,327.00	
		Community Assistance - \$100.00	VANCO Online Community Asst. – 150.50	
		VANCO Online Lamplighters - \$101.00	VANCO Online Mission Trip - \$49.47	
		Change Offering – Mission Team – \$75.21	Shepherd's Staff Food - 0	

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

Lector: Jane DeVos Greeters: Lloyd & Nelle Glenn Children's Time: Tracy Carroll
Special Music – Chancel Choir Prelude: Instrumental Ensemble Offertory: Vernon Coulter

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 – May 14th, 2023****

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21