



Spruce Pine United Methodist Church



11090 South Highway 226 :: Spruce Pine, NC 28777

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! "ADOPT THE ATTITUDE THAT WAS IN CHRIST JESUS. GOD IS THE ONE WHO ENABLES YOU BOTH TO WANT AND TO ACTUALLY LIVE OUT HIS GOOD PURPOSES." PHILIPPIANS 2:5 & 13

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May 11th, 2025 – 9:00 & 11:00 am

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**

^ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

+11 am Service only

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Marvin Walker

Prelude

Instrumental Ensemble

OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

^Greeting

Hebrews 4:14a, 16

Marvin Walker

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest

who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

People: let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^Hymn of Praise

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

^Prayer of The Festival of the Christian Home

Marvin Walker

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illuminate the homes of this earth with the light of your love,

granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,

endurance to those who care for sick family members,

and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received

from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.

As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.

Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

^ Sharing of the Peace of Christ

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you."

(Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we have been granted forgiveness and peace with God and with one another. As a sign and celebration of the peace we have been given, we invite you to turn to your neighbors, extend your hand, and greet/bless them with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

+Children's Time/Children's Change Offering (Kairos/MY Habitat)

Beverly Greene

(Following the children's message and change offering, our church nursery is available for infants and toddlers. Older children will remain in worship.

Our volunteers will meet you at the back of the church.)

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Music	TBA	James Glenn
Scripture Lesson	Acts 9:36-43	NRSVUE
Proclamation of the Word	"Reprising Her Role"	Rev. Holly Cobb McKim

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts and Praises to God

Offertory James Glenn

^Doxology UMH 95
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
(The altar is always open for you to spend time with God. If you would like the Pastor to pray with you, just ask)

^Closing Hymn TFWS 2137
Would I Have Answered When You Called

Benediction / Benediction Music UMH 99
My Tribute

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 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS – to everyone who helped with the reception for Ginny Downs on April 27th. – Becky Nance

COVERED DISH MEAL – MAY 25, 2025 – Immediately after the 11 am service. This is a lunch reception for Leah Brown & Emree Hoilman, our interns for the summer. Menu: Sandwiches, fruit, veggies, desserts and drinks.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Children ages four through second grade are invited to Children's Church each Sunday after Children's Moments. Staff and volunteers will meet them at the back of the church after the collection of children's change for missions. A nursery is provided for children birth through three years old. Worship bags are available for children who remain in worship or for children to use prior to going to Children's Church. The bags may be picked on the right hand side of the narthex. We are so glad you are here with your children!

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.

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING FOR MAY 2025 goes to **Kairos & MY Habitat**.

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.

CONTACT PERSON FOR CARE & FELLOWSHIP –the contact person for the second quarter of 2025 will be Susan Curtis. Contact information – email: sdlcurtis@gmail.com – cellphone – 828-467-3631.

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.

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 (in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene), 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.

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 – *for our new members, Christopher & Alison Ryan; Rhonda Gouge & Holli Greiner; praise that Liz Fowler is home! thanks to Al and Kathy Miller, Kevin, and all the members of the emergency response team; those working on the church directory; all who worked the Celebration of Life Service for Judy Sears*

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

SUSTAINING PRAYERS: Our homebound members; The Greens at Spruce Pine & Mitchell House Residents & Staff, Shane Heath; *Lucy Murphy*; Kris Butterwek; *Randy Hembree*; Rylan McMahan; Olivia Cook; Sandra Hoilman and family; Skyler Stewart's Sister in Law; *Marcia Dunn*; *Lorraine Campbell*; Ray & Galina Troxell & Dasha, Galina's daughter; Ben & Jeannie & family; *James Ouzts*; Randal's sister Ann; all local, state and federal government leaders; Latasha – Cancer Survivor; the Martinez, Nelson, and Niven families (who our church helped during the local mission event, building back)

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Carolyn Riley; the family of Sharon Greene; the family of Ashley Phillips; *the family of Jeff McDowell in the loss of his father*; the family of Dave McMeans (*Nelda's Brother in law*); the family of Carla Wilson; *the family of Judy Sears*; the family of Nicky Sparkes; the family of Ethan McKinney; the family of Tony Cook (Killian Wustrow's stepdad)

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: *Diane Sheeley*; Dylen Fischel; *Beverly Greene*; Sheron Kaplan; *Michael Murphy*; Harry Barenbrugge; *Nelda Johnson*

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 y/o with cancer); Tessie Miller (Leukemia); *James Ouzts*; Rick & Julie Phillips; Weston Atkins; Donald Dale; Will Richter – Kidney cancer & surgery (friend of Jenell Young); Jim Baucom; Sara Jamerson; Tim Walker; Andie Call; Rev. Mark Ralls (Blue Ridge District Superintendent); Tommy Phillips (*Starli's dad*, PET Scan & MRI at Duke); Randall Williams (Thyroid surgery)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Sandra Glenn; Louise Weeks (rehab); Nathan Buchanan; *Tim Hollifield*; Dori Sweatt Beck; Jaydon Stevens; Bob Brunning; Jeff Smith – *Lila's Nephew*; *Wayne Hoilman*; Troy Gouge; Marie Brown (Parkinsons); Wanda Willis (autoimmune disease); Joan Geouge (broken hip); Rhonda Gouge; Jason Wilson; Benny (Parkinsons), Jeannie (Alzheimer's), Wanda (Lupus), Josh (Muscular Dystrophy); *Gloria Hoepfner*; Austin McKinney – Lorraine's great nephew; Betty Banks (hospitalized – injury); Alan Wade (brother of Betty Wilson, hospitalized in Georgia); Wanda Smith (Lila's Sister in law, fall); *Wanda Henline (recovering)*; *Tim Hollifield*

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; the people of Palestine; People of Ukraine; victims of the violence in Israel; victims of gun violence everywhere; those dealing with Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton; victims of the fires in California

FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES: Pine Grove UMC; Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham); SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members); Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; M-Y Parish Food Bank; Shepherd's Staff; Peter Constantian; Pensacola UMC and their community.

FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY: Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Potter (Army); Troxell family, (traveling mercies)

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Holly or the church office and tell us about your prayer concern.

2025 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
5/11/2025	Marvin Walker	Beverly Greene	Donnie Peters/Mary Robinson
5/18/2025	Meredith Hoilman	Sharon Drum	Wayne & Wanda Henline
5/25/2025	Emree Hoilman	Ginny Downs	Joh & Melanie Jirka

REGULAR MEETINGS

GROUP	DAYS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays - 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Ed Banta
Knitting/Crocheting Group	Tuesdays – 10 am - Noon	Fellowship Hall	Nelda Johnson
SPUMC Book Club	1 st Tuesday - 10 am	Parlor	Margarett McGraw
UWIF Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 3 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Care and Fellowship	2 nd Saturday - 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Larry Bohannon
Finance	2 nd Thursday – 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall/Classroom	Bert Sheeley
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Trustees (quarterly)	3 rd Thursday – 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall/Classroom	Lloyd Glenn

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

13 – John Wilson

15 – Randal Greene

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12 – Tim & Sharon Drum

PRESENCE:	May 4, 2025	9 am - 28 11 am - 54 Total - 82
GIFTS	5/4/2025	
	General Fund – \$7,257.48	2025 Weekly Budget Need - \$5,413.22
	Year to Date - \$101,226.11	YTD Budget Need - \$97,437.96
	Disaster Response Team – \$3,655.00	Community Assistance - \$9,031.01
	Children's Offering – Habitat for Humanity - \$32.67	Lamplighters - \$150.00
	Children's Offering – Kairos - \$32.67	Shepherd's Staff Food Items - 8

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim – hmckim@wnccumc.org
 Kathy Hollifield – Music Director – hollifield@vol.com
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Kathy Miller – Organist – mill6043@bellsouth.net
 Sharon Drum – Custodian – sharondrum58@yahoo.com
 Tim Drum – Office Manager – tim_drum@bellsouth.net

WITNESS: NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD, GOD FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF NEW LIFE, FULL LIFE, AND RESURRECTED LIFE. IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES, HOLD ON TO GOD'S PROMISES. LET THEM GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS. AND, IN CREATIVE AND UNEXPECTED WAYS, LET US SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THIS TROUBLED WORLD – THAT NO MATTER WHAT, DEATH DOES NOT HAVE THE FINAL WORD.

****Next Week's Scriptures – May 18th, 2025****

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35