

Southern Pines United Methodist Church



Blue Christmas Service

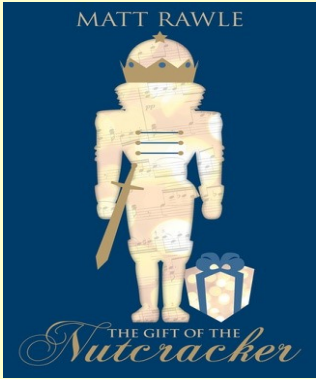
On Wednesday, December 18th the "Blue Christmas" celebration will be held at SPUMC in Reeves Hall, room, 5.

Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." This is open to all people, but is especially for folks who have experienced or are experiencing loss and who desire to acknowledge that loss while also celebrating Jesus Christ! This service will be a time of remembrance, conversation, and celebration. All are invited to this "Blue Christmas" celebration on the 18th which will begin at 3:30 pm.

Warm beverages will be served along with sweet holiday treats. So we can make preparations, please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Your RSVP, as well as any questions you might have about this gathering, may be sent to mkim@nccumc.org Sandy or tlsweeley@nccumc.org Tommy.

Sermon Series December 8, 22 & 24



Advent Sunday School Class

An extra Sunday school class will be offered during Advent on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in Reeves Hall, 4.

This class will be lead by our associate pastor, Sandy Kim.

Class schedule is as follows: Dec. 1, 8, & 22

Sunday School for the whole family. "Faithful Families" gather in the fellowship hall to have a fun hands-on way of exploring their Christian walk—Sunday, Dec 8 at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 8, 2019 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 am Refreshment Time, FH
10:15 am Sunday School (all ages)
10:15 am Faithful Families, FH
11:15 am Traditional Worship Service
5:30-7 pm Youth Group

Nursery for children 0-3 years is available during all worship services and Sunday school classes.

Monday, December 9

10:00-noon Food Pantry

No SPRC Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

9:30 am Staff Meeting
9:30 am Exercise Class, Narthex
12 noon Holy Communion, Chapel
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Ezra

Wednesday, December 11

6⁰⁰-6³⁵ pm Hand Bells
6⁴⁵-7¹⁵ pm Cantata Rehearsal
7¹⁵-8⁰⁰ pm Chancel Choir
8⁰⁰-9⁰⁰ pm Praise Band

Thursday, December 12

8:30 am meet at SPPS (Belk Shopping)

Saturday, December 14

9-noon Angel Tree Family Pick-up, FH

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We are starting a new church family tradition at SPUMC —a "family Christmas tree is in Fellowship Hall ready to be decorated by YOU! You are invited to bring an ornament to decorate the tree. -Worship Committee



DEC DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 1st - Advent Sermon Series: "The Gift of the Nutcracker"

Dec. 7th - SoPines UMC Christmas Parade Float (gather @ 10:15am)

Dec. 8th @ 9/11:15AM: Children's Christmas Play:

"The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper" & *Angel Tree gifts due*

Dec. 15th @ 10 AM: Christmas Cantata: "Jesus, The Advent of the Messiah"

Susana Wesley Fundraiser Brunch follows in the Fellowship Hall

Dec. 15th @ 5 PM SoPinesUMC Youth "Live Nativity"

Dec. 18th @ 3:30PM: Blue Christmas Service

Dec. 22 @ 9AM Sunday School & 10 AM *One Worship Service*

Dec. 24th @ 5PM: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 29th @ 9AM Sunday School & 10 AM *One Worship Service*



We have reached our goal of **75 Food Lion** gift cards; and we were able to purchase an additional 30 cards from the At-Risk Student fund.

Thank you all very much for your support of this ministry.

BLESSING BAGS

Many Thanks for your contribution to the Blessing Bag Ministry.

We are providing 30 bags per week as we continue to try and reach every family coming to the SPUMC Food Pantry.

Your donations are very important and needed at this time.

Please continue to support this very important mission that furnishes hygiene products to those less fortunate.

Remember you can make contributions to SPUMC and label your check "**Blessing Bag**" ministry. You have been a blessing to many families and I thank you.

Gwen Funderburk
(910-692-2674)



Our website has additional information about the ZOE mission and the cyclone recovery in Zimbabwe.

Analysis of Offering for December 1, 2019

Operating	\$16,285.48
Church Preservation.....	1,350.00
Pastor's Discretionary.....	303.00
Staff Gifts.....	1,590.00
Undesignated Memorials.....	100.00
UMCOR.....	50.00
Children's Clothing.....	2,740.00
Food Pantry.....	474.00
Zoe Ministry.....	530.00
Angel Tree.....	180.00
Vanco Fees.....	10.31
Total.....	\$23,612.79

Summary of Gift Totals, December 1, 2019

2019 Operating Budget	\$ 777,599
Contributions Required Weekly	\$ 14,957
Op. Contributions Required YTD	\$ 717,783
Op. Contributions Received YTD	\$ 691,293
Church Preservation Received YTD	\$ 29,512

Giving Made Easy

Electronic gifts are fast and secure. Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds. Schedule donations or set up an account and make donations whenever you'd like throughout the year. Go to the SPUMC website southernpinesumc.org and click the online giving button at the bottom of the page to get started.

If you have any questions please contact, jean@bradshawcapitalmgt.com

TEXT YOUR OFFERING
910-390-1703

(This is set up to receive "Operating" gifts only.)

THANK YOU!
Jean@bradshawcapitalmgt.com

STOCK DONATIONS

We are grateful for all contributions to SPUMC and its missions. If you care to make a stock donation to the church, we ask that you call Audra Webb Lubawski (919-246-0838) or her financial assistant, Chandler Jiang (910-246-0835) at First Bank Wealth Management. Either will assist you with the stock transfer. The stock will then be sold immediately, and the funds will be deposited into our SPUMC account with First Bank. You will receive a donation letter from the church within the next two weeks documenting the transaction.

All stock transfers will go toward the Operating Fund of the church unless the church is otherwise notified in writing.

Jean@bradshawcapitalmgt.com

Thank you, SPUMC Finance Office

For information regarding the 2020 SPUMC Finance Campaign please email

Jim McCaskill
jmccaskill@carolina.rr.com

Boxed sets of offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex each Sunday. Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance if needed. Pledge cards and envelopes are also available in the church office during the week.

Worship Attendance Dec. 1, 2019

9:00 am (184)
11:15 am (109)
10:15 am Sunday School (92)
12 noon Tuesday, Holy Communion (4)

Christmas Clothing Project

For 36 years now, the United Methodist Men have sponsored the Christmas Clothing Project.

The goal of this project is to provide needy children at Southern Pines Primary School with new clothing. This year's shopping date will be Thursday, December 12th.

The Christmas Clothing Project pairs 45 needy children with volunteer shoppers who together go to Belk and pick out pants, shirts, jackets, and shoes. Belk provides us with a generous discount and provides the children with goody bags and snacks.

Please plan to be a volunteer shopper this year. Two hours of your time is all that is needed. We meet at Southern Pines Primary School at 8:30 a.m. to be paired with a child.

Also, please consider contributing to the project. The goal is to raise \$5,800 in order to help as many children as possible.

Please mark your checks or envelopes "Christmas Clothing Project".

Contact Tom Aubrey for more information – 910-949-4090 or

aubreytom@embarqmail.com

2019 Poinsettia for the Sanctuary orders are due today.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary/altar please complete the green form on the table in the narthex.

Altar Flowers may be purchased for \$50 per arrangement.

There is no delivery fee. Payments are to be made to SPUMC with a notation Altar Flowers on the memo line.

Payments are not to be made to the florist, Hollyfield Design (910-692-7243).

Checks may be placed in the offering plate, or brought to the church secretary, Nanette.

Contact (mikeydelle@nc.rr.com)
Mikey Delle for information.