

**Southern Pines
United Methodist Church
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Sunday, May 6

- 8:30 am Praise & Worship Service
Confirmation
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time, FH
- 9³⁰-11⁰⁰ Children Festivities
- 10:00 am Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00 am Traditional/Children's
Celebration Worship Service

SNL: Sunday Night Live will not meet

Monday, May 7

- 10:00 am SPUMC Food Pantry distrib.
- 7:00 pm Food Pantry distribution (LL)

Tuesday, May 8

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting, Conf. Rm.
- 9:30 am Exercise Class, Narthex

Wednesday, May 9

- 8⁴⁵-9¹⁵ am Muffins for Moms (LPLL event)
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00 pm Praise Band practice

Thursday, May 10

- 6:15 pm Girl Scouts, Ezra Room

Sunday, May 13

- 10:00 am Faithful Families, FH

- CR: Choir Room (level, 1)
- FH: Fellowship Hall
- RH: Reeves Hall (rooms are numbered 1-5)
- HP: Hiatt Parlor
- KOW: Kids Own Worship
- LPLL: Little People Loving & Learning
(preschool) (level, 1)
- SNL: Sunday Night Live
- SWC: Susanna Wesley Circle
- UMM: United Methodist Men
- UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship
- *The Chapel is located downstairs (level 1)
directly beside the elevator

Ministerial Staff

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Today's Acolytes

- Jack Crawl (8:30)
- Sean Crawl (8:30)
- Joshua Mandell (11:00)

Making plans for your child this summer? Don't forget about our great camps available through the NC Conference of the United Methodist Church! Children can expect to have a wonderful experience while growing closer to Christ.

To find out more about all the exciting things going on at Camp Rock Fish, Don Lee, or Chestnut Ridge, visit the conference website at www.nccumc.com and click on the resources link. On the pull down menu, click on Camps & Retreats.

**Children's
Celebration Sunday**



"Head Scratchers: When the Words of Jesus Don't Make Sense."

This five-week series will reveal how the insights of the gospel can bring hopeful transformative power to our lives.

May 27-June 24

May You Fast

Have you ever fasted? Would you like to try it? Pastor Chae is inviting any who are willing to join with him as he fasts one day a week for five weeks beginning the first week of April 29. Those who participate can choose the day of the week, and structure the fast as they like. One might choose to fast from all solid food during each of the five fasts or from everything but water. These are the rough guidelines: Each fast will last from the bedtime of one night to some point in the afternoon on the next day. Each fast period will be accompanied by the Wesley Covenant Prayer prayed soon after one wakes up on the morning of their fast. Additionally, on each fast day, one will be invited to be in prayer about a specific person(s) or group(s): Fast Day 1: pray for one or two close individuals; Fast Day 2: pray for family and friends; Fast Day 3: pray for the SPUMC Family; Fast Day 4: pray for all of the churches in Southern Pines; Fast Day 5: pray for an enemy or a person with whom some confrontation exists.

To get involved, text (336) 953-1170 or email (calbright@nccumc.org) Chae. The group will gather at the end to share, celebrate, and eat together!

We need your **RED** for our celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

As a part of our worship service, we are asking to borrow any red candle you have - any size, shape, or shade of red. If you have a candle that we can use for this worship service, please leave in the church office or give to David Smith.



**Little People Loving
and Learning**

A few remaining spots are in Pre-K and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. At that time, a non-refundable \$125 deposit is due to secure the spot.

Please email lplovelearn@gmail.com ASAP to reserve a spot for your child. Include child's name and birth date.



**Kids' Own Worship
Leaders Needed!**

Most Sundays our young children leave our worship services, just after the children's message, and head downstairs for their own worship service. The children enjoy singing praise music, praying together, celebrating birthdays, giving a weekly offering toward a quarterly mission, sharing God Sightings, and hearing a child-friendly telling of a biblical story. Once a month the children even share in Communion on Feast Sunday.

We are looking for new leaders to add to our Kids' Own Worship rotation. Once volunteers are trained, the commitment can be as little as two weeks (back-to-back) per year, or as often as you enjoy. No prior experience needed! Training provided!

Please contact Erin Shore at messhore@gmail.com or (910) 992-7033 with any questions or to sign up to serve Jesus and the children of our church in this way. Looking forward to having you on our KOW team!

VBS—Believe it or not, VBS is just 4 months away! We will host *Serengeti Trek VBS* July 16-20, 2018. To put on such a fun and memorable week learning about Jesus we need much help! Make plans to help.



FAITHFUL Families

10 a.m., Sunday,
May 13, 2018

Sign-up sheets
are in the Narthex.

Erin Shore for details:
messhore@gmail.com



Former pastor David Goehring will soon be retiring. He and his wife, Carol, will continue to live in Durham for another year, then move to Wilmington. We wish them well.



SENIORS LUNCHEON

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

will be held at 11:30 on May 15 at Table on the Green, Midland Rd., Southern Pines.

Cost of lunch is \$10.00 plus tip. For your plans to attend and your choice of meal, please contact Lin Heimrick by e-mail (lheimrick@nc.rr.com) text or phone at 910-315-4090.

The **Susanna Wesley Circle** of the Southern Pines United Methodist Church will be having their

SALAD SOCIAL

on May 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM
in Reeves Hall, room #5

Sherry Driscoll will share the devotion.

Please RSVP to one of our hostesses

Sherry Driscoll
sherrydriscoll@earthlink.net * 235-0809

Mary Ellen Bender
mebend@embarqmail.com * 235-4627

The hostesses will provide dessert and beverage. Members are to bring a salad to share with their sisters.

This is our last meeting until we resume in September.

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu

The SPUMC 2018 Architecture Camps are starting to fill. If you would like to be a part of one of these camps—register today!

DOT Camp for ages 4-16
is June 18-21.

Puzzles & Games • Lego & Marble Mazes • the Math of Music with David Smith and more....

Returning to DOT Camp
Properties of Point, Line & Plane & Froebel Activities....

Building A City Camp for ages 8-18 is June 25-28.

Stop Motion Filming • Ancient, Nomadic & Earthen Dwellings • Bridge Construction Contests and more...

Returning to BAC: Daily Disasters • Lincoln Logs • Frank Lloyd Wright inspirations

Specifics for each camp can be found in the blue camp brochure located near the elevator or in the church office—for additional details contact Ellen Wilken (740) 334-8233

TO ALL THOSE GENEROUS MEMBERS OF SPUMC who made a contribution to the "Blessing Bags" mission in memory of Elliott, we thank you. Your contribution will help supply hygiene bags to those visiting our SPUMC food pantry and the homeless students at Pinecrest High School. Your kindness will help many families through this mission and your generosity will be remembered. Elliott would have been so proud of your support. —Gwen Funderburk and family

Blessing Bags

Toothbrushes **Toothpaste**
Soap **Hygiene Products**
Shampoo **Conditioner**
Water **Wash Cloths**
Protein bars

Please leave your donations in the **Blessing Bag box in Fellowship Hall (under the coat rack).**

Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry for homeless and at-risk students of Pinecrest, Union Pines, and North Moore High Schools.

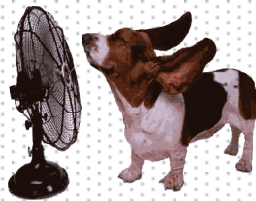
Fruit cups, Capri Sun and protein bars can be placed in the donation boxes in Fellowship Hall.

Be sure the fruit cups have a pop-top or plastic pull-open lid for easy use without a can opener.



Stay Cool

The annual Fans for Families collection is coming soon.



The **2018 Sanctuary Flower Calendar** is located in the Narthex on the desk at the **Information Center**. Hollyfield Design, 130 E. Illinois Ave., Southern Pines, NC 28387 will be the florist designing our arrangements. Select a date by signing on the calendar. You will receive a letter of instruction for payment, etc. Also included is a stamped postcard to be returned to the church office. You may fill out what you would like printed in the bulletin.

Analysis of Offering for April 29, 2018

Operating	\$17,653.56
Loose Plate	164.00
Sunday School.....	19.00
Debt Retirement	385.00
Pastors Discretionary.....	20.00
Church Preservation Fund ...	140.00
Moore Free Care Clinic.....	50.00
Blessing Bags	120.00
Vacation Bible School.....	100.00
Food Pantry	125.00
Zoe Ministry.....	405.00
Vanco Fees.....	7.56
Total	\$14,893.01

Summary of Gift Totals, April 29, 2018

2018 Operating Budget	\$777,283
<u>Operating Contrib. Rq'd Wkly. - \$14,948</u>	
<u>Operating Rq'd YTD - \$253,112</u>	
<u>Operating Contrib. Rc'd YTD - \$261,498</u>	
<u>Debt Reduction Received - \$14,076</u>	
<u>Church Preservation - \$6,041</u>	

Our new **electronic giving** option began January 1st and is an easy way to make your contributions to SPUMC! Contributions are debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. This program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write 52 checks a year. And, when you travel or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, electronic giving will allow your regular offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Consider **ELECTRONIC GIVING!**

1. Visit the church website at:
www.southernpinesumc.org.
2. Click on the **Online Giving** button.
3. Click the **Create Profile** button.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your one-time or recurring contributions.

Instructions are available at Information Desks, church office or contact Jean Bradshaw (Jean@bradshawcapitalmgt.com).
www.southernpinesumc.org

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 at First Bank Wealth Management. She may be reached at 910-246-0838. She 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.

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

Thank you!