

**Sunday, March 18**

- 7:15 am Praise Band
- 8:30 am Praise & Worship Service
- 9:30 am Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School classes (all ages)
- 9:45 am Youth Gathering, Chapel
- 11:00 am Preschool Sunday  
Traditional Worship Service
- 4:45 pm Children's Choir Practice
- 5:30 pm Sunday Night Live
- 5:30 pm Youth Gathering

**Monday, March 19**

- 10:00 am SPUMC Food Pantry, Lower Level
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee

**Tuesday, March 20**

- 9:35 am Staff Meeting (each week)
- 11:30 am Intercessory Prayer, Hiatt Parlor
- 12:00 pm Holy Communion, Chapel
- 2:30 pm Life Group, Chapel

**Wednesday, March 21**

- 8-5:00 pm 4 Seasons Heating & Air (maint.)
- 8<sup>30</sup>-4<sup>30</sup> Community Care of the Sandhills, FH
- 10:00 am Children's Church, Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Handbell practice
- 6:45 pm Cantata Choir practice
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00 pm Praise Band practice
- 8:00 pm Evergreen Group, Ezra Room

**Thursday, March 22**

- 9:30 am Creed Bible Study-RH, 5
- 3:30 pm Rosemary Barker: Life Group, Library

**Saturday, March 24**

- 1-5:00 pm Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

**Palm Sunday, March 25**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 953, Ezra Room

**Monday, March 26**

- 7:00 pm Church Council

**Tuesday, March 27**

- 1-6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Reeves Hall
- 6:30 pm LPLL Program, Sanctuary & FH

**Wednesday, March 28**

- 11:30 am Pastor(s) at Penick Village

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**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 also located downstairs directly beside the elevator

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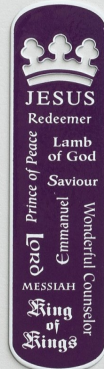
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**Southern Pines  
United Methodist Church  
U Connect  
March 18, 2018  
5th Sunday of Lent**

**Names of Jesus Bookmarks**

The perfect gift for someone special, a great Easter basket stuffer or just for YOU.

The Susanna Wesley Circle will be selling these beautiful bookmarks as a mission project.



Cost is 2 for \$5 or 1 for \$3.



**Kids Choir**

Will not rehearse on Sunday, March 25 or April 1. Resumes April 8th.

**Handbells**

Will not rehearse again until Wednesday, April 11 @ 6pm

**Choir**

Rehearsal will start at 6:30pm next week. (Just that week only)

No rehearsal on Wednesday, April 4th.

Practice resumes on April 11 @ 7pm.



**Sunday Night Live**

Children 3 years through 5th grade are invited to learn about Jesus through fun, age appropriate hands-on activities.

SNL is from 5:30—7:00 pm each Sunday. A light supper is provided each week as families rotate in providing a meal.



**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](mailto: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 5 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.

**Lenten Studies and Holy Week Worship Services**

- Thursday, February 22 "Creed, What Christians Believe and Why" 9:30-11:00 am (6-week video study)
- Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am
- Wednesday, March 28 Service of Healing 7:00 pm
- Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm
- Friday, March 30 Good Friday Tenebrae 7:00 pm  
Cantata "Song of the Shadows"
- Sunday, April 1 Sunrise Service 7:00 am
- Sunday, April 1 Easter Worship Service 10:00 am

(bring fresh flowers for the Flowering of the Cross!)



**Song of the Shadows**

A musical Service of Remembrance for Holy Week, by Joseph M. Martin

Friday, March 30  
7:00 pm

**Information** for the SPUMC 2018 Architecture Camps is now available.

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

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

Specifics for each camp can be found in the blue camp brochure located near the elevator, in the church office—additional details Ellen Wilken (740) 334-8233 [ellenwilken9@gmail.com](mailto:ellenwilken9@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:lplovelearn@gmail.com) ASAP to reserve a spot for your child. Include child's name and birth date.



**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](http://www.nccumc.com) and click on the Resources link. On the pull down menu, click on Camps & Retreats.



**American Red Cross**

## Blood Drive

**SPUMC will host a blood drive on Tuesday, March 27 from 1:30 to 6:00 pm.**

**Please use Reeves Hall entrance.**

**For more information contact Libby Staples**  
[ltstaples@gmail.com](mailto:ltstaples@gmail.com)



**Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon** will be held at 11:30 on March 20 at Table on the Green, Midland Rd., Southern Pines.

Tonya Wagner, Principal of Southern Pines Primary School, will present the program.

The menu for our March meeting is cashew chicken with steamed or fried rice, salad and a spring roll or a Reuben sandwich with slaw and chips.

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, text or phone at 910-315-4090.

## Blessing Bags

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

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



**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 near the elevator and near the Enrichment Education Fellowship area.

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

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.

The cost is \$50 plus tax per arrangement. Please direct any

## Analysis of Offering for March 11, 2018

Operating - \$9,970.00  
Loose Plate - \$140.00  
Sunday School - \$28.00  
Debt Retirement - \$415.00  
Pastors Discretionary - \$95.00  
Church Preservation Fund - \$280.00  
Moore Free Care Clinic - \$70.00  
Undesignated Memorials - \$100.00  
J & H Caton Endowment - \$2,043.02  
VanSant Camp Scholarships - \$70.00  
Blessing Bags - \$490.00  
Youth Funds - \$20.00  
Family Promise - \$25.00  
Missions - \$20.00  
Food Pantry - \$220.00  
Zoe Ministry - \$115.00  
Vanco Fees - \$17.05  
**Total - \$14,118.07**

## Summary of Gift Totals, March 11, 2018

2018 Operating Budget \$777,283  
Operating Contrib. Rq'd Wkly. - \$14,948  
Operating Rq'd YTD - \$149,478  
Operating Contrib. Rc'd YTD - \$167,867  
Debt Reduction Received - \$9,831  
Church Preservation - \$3,726

**SPUMC is pleased** to announce the introduction of a new electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions will be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving 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 out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

1. Visit the church website at: [www.southernpinesumc.org](http://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 ([jeanbradshaw@capitalmgt.com](mailto:jeanbradshaw@capitalmgt.com)).  
[www.southernpinesumc.org](http://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.