

**Southern Pines
United Methodist Church
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Sunday, September 23

Sermon Series: "Let's Party!"

Life Groups resume

- 8:30 am Praise & Worship service
- 10:00 am Sunday School—all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:00 pm Rise Against Hunger setup
- 2-4:00 pm Rise Against Hunger, FH

Monday, September 24

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, September 26

11:30 am Pastor(s) at Penick Village

Friday, September 28

6:00 pm Fun Friday

**Saturday, September 29, Choir Retreat
Sunday, September 30**

5-7:00 pm Party in the (Cannon) Park

Monday, October 1

7:00 pm Trustee Committee, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, October 2

9:00 am SPUMC Staff meeting, CR

9:30 am Exercise Class Narthex

12:00 pm Holy Communion, Chapel

8:00 pm Evergreen Group, Ezra Rm.

Wednesday, October 3

6:00 am "33" Authentic Manhood, FH

9:30 am Senior Adult Breakfast,
Cracker Barrel

6:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
w/composer Pepper Choplin

8:00 pm Praise Band practice

Sunday, October 7

3⁴⁵-4³⁰ pm Children's Choirs

4³⁰-5³⁰ pm Sunday Night Live resumes

Monday, October 8

10:00 am Mary Martha Circle, Ezra Rm.

7:00 pm Staff-Parish Relations Comm.

Wednesday, October 10

12:00 pm Pastor(s) at Quail Haven

CR: Choir Room (level 1)

FH: Fellowship Hall

RH: Reeves Hall (rooms are numbered 1-5)

HP: Hiatt Parlor

KOW: Kids Own Worship

LL: Lower Level

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

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Today's Acolytes

8:30 Sean Crowl

11:00 Sara Walters



**Sunday
September 23
2-4:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall**

Registration Required to Participate!

<http://events.stophungernow.org/SPUMC>

A hard copy Rise Against Hunger registration form is in the narthex on the Welcome Desk.

Don't forget to register if you will participate!

Thank you!



**Hurricane Florence
RELIEF EFFORT**

**Sunday, September 30
5-7:00 pm**

A gathering of local church congregations and community members to pack and collect hygiene kits to help victims of Hurricane Florence.

Hope to see you there so we can party with a purpose!

Food Trucks Available

**Rome N' Round
Dawg Wagon
Kona Ice**

See insert for detailed information



Thank you for your ongoing generous support of Zoe!!! Family #5, the Higher Life Group, which we adopted last fall, will soon be starting their second year of the program.

Family #6 will be beginning the 3-year empowerment program in the upcoming months.

Is God calling you to travel to Zimbabwe to visit our orphans? This will be a life-changing trip for you and for the orphans to see firsthand how much we love and support them.

Travel dates are April 24-May 3, 2019 and June 26-July 5. Scholarship help is available. For further information, check out www.zoehelps and click on upcoming trips or contact (ellenwilken9@gmail.com) Ellen Wilken or (sherrydriscoll@earthlink.net) Sherry Driscoll.

Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A new sermon series "Let's Party" begins today.



Children's Choir

starts back

Sunday, October 7

(8:45-4:30 pm)

David Smith

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**Sunday Night Live
(SNL)**

begins Sunday, October 7

Ages 3 years—5th grade

are invited to learn about Jesus through fun, hands-on activities.

SNL is from 4:30-5:30 pm each Sunday. A light supper is provided each week as families rotate in providing a meal.

For more information pertaining to this ministry, contact Erin Shore (messhore@gmail.com).



Do you shop at Harris Teeter?

Did you know you can help our preschool receive money for education by doing regular grocery shopping?

It's simple. Go to www.harristeeter.com and click on "Together in Education." There you can link your VIC card to the Little People Loving and Learning code 8497. Or you can fill out the form in the Narthex and we will do it for you! Simply give us your name, VIC card number, and phone number. Thank you for supporting our preschool ministry! For more information contact Erin Shore at messhore@gmail.com.



We invite you to sign up for an experience you will not regret, a SPUMC Life Group.

Life Groups are small groups of people who gather with one another to pray, read Scripture, discuss life-relevant topics, and grow.

Many in our church have experienced and many continue to experience what it is like to be part of a small community of believers with the goal of connecting with God and one another.

If you are not part of a Life Group, please give it a try. If you are interested in becoming part of a Life Group, you can contact: Pastor Tommy Sweeley (tlsweeley@nccumc.org), or Pastor Chae Albright (calbright@nccumc.org).



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

"The Church on the Curve"

"Safe Sanctuary" Policy Practice

Analysis of Offering for September 9, 2018

Operating	\$16,992.00
Loose Plate.....	78.55
Sunday School	17.00
Debt Retirement.....	845.00
Stop Hunger Now.....	250.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	20.00
Church Preservation Fund.....	525.00
Special Music Gifts.....	70.00
Blessing Bags	40.00
Youth Funds.....	40.00
Family Promise.....	50.00
Food Pantry.....	240.00
Zoe Ministry.....	1,055.00
Vanco Fees.....	17.05
Total.....	\$20,239.60

Summary of Gift Totals, Sept. 9, 2018

- 2018 Operating Budget \$771,283
- Operating Contrib. Rq'd Wkly. - \$14,948
- Operating Contrib. Rc'd YTD - \$475,467
- Operating Rq'd YTD - \$533,965
- Debt Reduction Received - \$31,646
- Church Preservation - \$14,011

Electronic Giving 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jean Bradshaw by email:

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 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!



Choir practice has resumed, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

New members are always welcome. Just come a couple of minutes before practice so we can give you everything you need!

David Smith
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CHOIR RETREAT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29



Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
 Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata begin Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm along with a special guest, Pepper Choplin! Pepper is the composer of the cantata we will present this year entitled "One Silent Night." He will be here on the evening of October 3 to rehearse with the choir. Each week, we will rehearse the cantata from 6:30-7:15 pm; regular choir rehearsal is 7:15-8:00 pm. If you would like to sing with us for this year's Christmas Cantata, please join us at our weekly rehearsals starting October 3. (Want to get a head start on the cantata??? Join us Saturday morning, September 29 at 9:00 am in the choir loft for our choir retreat. We will spend the morning working on the cantata and fellowshiping together as a choir family.)



Blessing Bags

Please leave your donations in the Blessing Bag box in Fellowship Hall

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Protein bars
- Shampoo w/Conditioner
- Water
- Wash Cloths

(under the coat rack) or you can write a check to SPUMC with 'Blessing Bags' in the memo line.

Your support of the food pantry for homeless and at-risk students of Pinecrest, Union Pines, and North Moore High Schools is needed again this school year.

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.

Information regarding this ministry can be obtained by contacting: (mbdice@earthlink.net) Barb & Myron Dice.

Free Driving Seminar for older adults (65+). Tuesday, September 25 at 4:00 pm.

7 Lakes Chapel, 581 7 Lakes Drive, West End, NC.

Registration required. This event is sponsored by Aging Outreach.

(910) 692-0683



On the last Friday of each month (September 28), we offer FUN FRIDAY for ALL children through 5th grade. For only \$5 per child, parents are invited to drop off children from 6-9 pm then enjoy time with friends, a spouse, or some peace and quiet. Feel free to use the full or partial time. Pizza, games, and activities will be provided for children. There will be staffed, age-appropriate groups and 2 adults for security.

To participate you MUST register by Tues, September 25.

Register with Sign-up Genius through our Facebook page.

Please make adjustments by the same date if you need to cancel. Please send diapers, wipes, bottle, and change of clothes as necessary.

SPUMC Men's Ensemble CD's are available in the church office. Cost of each CD is \$10 or 2/\$15.

This CD has 12 tracks with the title track "Only By Grace."

This was a SPUMC project and will make a great gift.

Love the Old Hymns?

A CD is available for purchase in the church office titled, "Lift Up Your Voice: Hymns of Charles Wesley" for \$20 or 2/\$30.

This a collection of 21 of Wesley's most popular hymns sung by The Choral Arts Society of Washington Chamber Singers.

Proceeds will go to the Wesley Heritage Foundation, Inc. and missions.



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 post-card 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 questions to flower Chairperson, Mikey Delle, 910-725-0367.

Available Dates for Altar Flowers: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, and Nov. 25.