

*\*Please Stand if Able*

**Prelude**

*Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)  
Won't Stop Now*

**Welcome****\*Call to Worship**

Micah 6:8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?

**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

**Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

**To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

**\*Song of Praise***Your Love O Lord*

Praise Band

**\*Passing of the Peace****Scripture Lesson**

Ephesians 2:11-22

page 181 (NT)

**Children's Message**

(Children 3 years - 5th grade) are invited to go to KOW.

Nursery is also available for children up to 4 years old.

**Prayer Concerns****Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Invitation to Offering****Anthem***To the Ends of the Earth***Offertory Prayer****Sermon Scripture**

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16

page 182 (NT)

**Sermon**

Pastor John Michael

**\*Song of Response***I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Praise Band

**\*Benediction****\*Postlude**

Praise Band

**Welcome to God's house!** "It's a joy to have every worshiper here to glorify God and to share in fellowship with one another. After the 9:00 worship service, everyone is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall or the Memorial Garden for refreshments and fellowship."

—Southern Pines UMC Family

(\*) denotes those who are able to stand

Children ages birth-4 are invited to go to the nursery during the 11:00 worship service.

**Prelude****Welcome****Introit***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Choir

**\*Call to Worship****\*Opening Hymn***The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

UMH #589

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ, you modeled for us the way of life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us grace to make His ways our way of living in this world, that our lives may echo with his love to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Creed**

Apostle's Creed

UMH #882

**Gloria Patri****Scripture Lesson**

Ephesians 2:11-22

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**Prayer Concerns****Call to Prayer***Be Still and Know that I am God***Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Invitation to the Offering****Offering****\*Doxology****\*Offertory Prayer****Anthem***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Choir

**Sermon Scripture**

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16

page 182 (NT)

**Sermon**

Pastor John Michael

**\*Hymn of Response***Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

UMH #584

**\*Benediction****\*Benediction Response***A Charge to Keep I Have*

Choir

**\*Postlude**

**If you** would like to know more about Southern Pines UMC or are searching for a church home, we warmly invite you to contact us by placing the completed "Connect with Us" card in the offering plate or by calling the church office (910-692-3518).

**Planning ahead for children’s ministry:** Join JM and friends at 10am on this Sunday, Sept. 8 for an introductory planning session for our children’s ministries.

**Invitation to Choirs and Schedule**

New members are always welcome to join our choirs at SPUMC! We welcome singers of all abilities, ages 14 and up. The handbell choir also welcomes new members - no experience required. This Fall, we are preparing our Christmas Cantata, “The Ballad of Bethlehem” which will be performed with a live orchestra. Rehearsals will begin September 11 and conclude with our performance on December 15.

Rehearsals for all choirs are Wednesday evenings: Handbell Choir, 5:30; Chancel Choir - 6:30; Cantata Choir -7:15-7:45.

**Susanna Wesley Circle will meet in the Ezra Room, Monday, September 16 at 7pm.**

Maggie Bonecutter, Hospice & Palliative Care Liaison at FirstHealth, will be the guest speaker. She will share the differences between hospice and palliative types of care and the eligibility requirements for each.

Please RSVP one of the hostesses Norma Morrison ([emorrison@nccumc.org](mailto:emorrison@nccumc.org)) or Ellen Stewart ([elstewart2@gmail.com](mailto:elstewart2@gmail.com)).

**What is Circle?** We are Women on a Mission...and we want women of all ages to join us!!! The Susanna Wesley Circle meets monthly. Half of our meetings are at night and half at lunchtime. Some of our programs help us learn about the needs in our community. Others help us expand our spiritual knowledge and skills.

We participate in service projects to support needs in the community. We have a fundraiser annually to raise funds to donate to the church and charitable organizations in the community and world. One of the nicest aspects of circle is the fellowship engendered by meeting regularly and working together on service projects. We have two socials a year to enjoy fellowship. Email [elainequestell@gmail.com](mailto:elainequestell@gmail.com) to learn more. YOU are invited to join us

**Honorariums and Memorials**

In honor of Gwen Funderburk by Jonathan Formyduval

In honor of Barbara Dice by Debbie Whitley

In honor of our church office and staff by Jim and Ruthie Borrell

In honor of Elias Ballew by Frank and Lynne Thigpen

In memory of Gloria Callihan, mother of Gail Scott, by Mikey Delle, Dan and Sara Jane Pate, and Kent and Sandra Smith

In memory of Hugh McCaskill, brother of Jim McCaskill, by Joe and Cindy Garrison and Dan and Sara Jane Pate

In memory of Harvey Hawkins, grandfather of Elias Ballew, by Dan and Sara Jane Pate

**Sunday Worship Attendance 1 Sep 2024**

9 am (88) 11 am (64) Holy Communion (7)

**Recorded Contributions for the week of 1 Sept 2024**

Operating.....	\$	6,413.00
Pastors Disc.....	\$	115.00
Emerging Ministries.....	\$	175.00
Church Preservation Fund.....	\$	180.00
Undesignated Memorials.....	\$	100.00
S & R Creson Endowment.....	\$	2,680.97
General In & Out.....	\$	40.00
UMCOR.....	\$	25.00
Zoe Ministry.....	\$	780.00
Elec. Processing Donation.....	\$	58.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,567.64</b>
Operating Contrib. YTD .....	\$	460,790
Preservation Contrib. YTD.....	\$	9,310
Operating Expenditures YTD .....	\$	464,294

*“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”* **Luke 6:38**

**Thank you** for your support of Southern Pines United Methodist Church and its missions! Contact Michelle Aubrey at [Shelliesnc@gmail.com](mailto:Shelliesnc@gmail.com) with questions.

**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 Southern Pines UMC website: [www.southernpinesumc.org](http://www.southernpinesumc.org) and click “Give” at the top of the page to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Aubrey: [Shelliesnc@gmail.com](mailto:Shelliesnc@gmail.com). **TEXT YOUR OFFERING:** 910-390-1703 (These donations will go to the operating budget.)

**Stock Donations:** If you are planning or need procedural information regarding stock donations, we ask that you contact Laura Parker ([lparker@fbwealthmanagement.com](mailto:lparker@fbwealthmanagement.com)), 910-246-0835, at First Bank Wealth Management.

**Home:** Mikey Delle, Wyatt Glenn & family, Dianne Greene, Christian Lee, Ken & Nancy Libertini, Mary Majors, Shannon Masneri, Betty McKnight, David Miller, Alvin Ratliff, Joe Rasmus, Martha Reeves, Gail Scott, Gale Smith, John Southerland, Carolyn West, Larry White, Treis Williams, Rachael Wirtz & Carmen Wondergem.

**Donna Dickson**, 1777 Cawdor Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28304

**Brenda Geist**, 7046 W. Pleasant Oak Court, Florence, AZ 85132-6942

**Helge Grill**, 6100 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410

**Pat Hitchings**, Walton Wood Lake Boone Road, 3550 Horton Street, Apt. 203, Raleigh, NC 27607

**Charles E. Kersey**, 15 W. Franklin Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108

**Fox Hollow: 190 Fox Hollow Road, Pinehurst, 28374**

Nancy Scaggs -#234 Doug Burns #236  
Louise Laningham (910) 690-9115

**Gracious Retirement Living: 205 SE Service Rd, So Pines**

Bill Dillon

**Penick Village: 500 E. Rhode Island Ave., So. Pines**

Betty Dorsett, Marion Evans, Nancy Peterson-#235,  
Kay Rhoades-#239, Don & Joyce Tickle, Decatur & Betty Richardson and Karla Peabody, mother of Robin Glenn

**Memory Care:** Jane MacDougall

**Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehab. Ctr: 300 Blake Blvd.**

Nancy Smith, #410 (Hospice Care)

**Quail Haven: 155 Blake Blvd., Pinehurst, 28374**

Jean Hicks Libby Staples (rehab)

**Active/Deployed:**

W. Troie Barker, 2nd LT Wills Burns, CPT Benjamin Harvey, CPT Brian Harvey, Gold Star & Military Families

**Missionary:** ZOE Empowerment & UMCOR: Ukraine

### Extended Family & Friends

**Matt Ashbrook** (cousin of Nicki Pribich)

**Theodore Harold Bonham**

**Sonny Crabbs** (brother of Shirley Shank)

**Phil Davenport** (father of Francy Thompson)

**Myra Doggett** (mother of Michelle Aubrey)

**Earehart Family** (Nancy Scaggs)

**Ann Ferguson** (Jill Bingham)

**Patricia Forbes**

**Donnie Funderburk** (B-I-L of Gwen Funderburk)

**Barbara Harris** (S-I-L Betty Richardson)

**Claudia Jordan** (granddgr. of Dorothy Womack)

**Holly Jeffries** (sister of Carmen Wondergem)

**Jesse Joyce** (cousin of Cassie Lehr)

**Debbie Darby-Knight**

**Judy Malecki** (S-I-L of Bob Rich)

**Mary Marhol** (mother of John Marhol)

**Jo Marshal** (niece of Don Hill)

**Mac Maclain** (husband of Sue Maclain)

**John McCurdy** (Matt Grafenberg)

**Mae McGougan**

**Tom McVey** (cousin of Nicki Pribich)

**Joy Mitchener** (niece of Sue Harris)

**Joanne Moffit** (sister of Susan Sweeley)

**Jackson Powitchko** (grandson, Jack & Kathy Powit.)

**Ella Rich** (granddaughter, Larry & Lynda Newsome)

**Jerry Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford)

**Tommy Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford)

**Robyn Schultz & family** (cousin of Gloria Moore)

**Katelyn Semales** (online request)

**Miranda Shepherd** (Katie Humber)

**Ben Sutton** (father of Jason Sutton)

**Judy Turnage** (Barbara Richardson)

**Jean Williams** (aunt of Katie Humber)

### In-Person ~ Live Stream ~ Worship Services

**8:00 am**

Praise Band Practice

**9:00 am**

Praise & Worship Service (childcare available infant to 4-yrs)

**9:45 am**

Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall or Memorial Garden

**10:00 am**

Sunday School (all ages)

Children's Ministry: Planning Ahead w/Pastor John Michael

**11:00 am**

Traditional Worship Service (childcare available infant to 4-yrs)

**Mon - Sept 9**

Food Pantry, 10:30am

Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 7pm

**Tue - Sept 10**

Exercise Class, narthex, 9<sup>30</sup>am

Holy Communion, Chapel, 12 noon

Bulletin/uConnect Information deadline, 10am

Staff Meeting

Evergreen (AA) Group, 7pm

**Wed - Sept 11**

Women's Life Group, Ezra Room, 10<sup>30</sup>-noon

Handbell practice, 5:30pm

Choir practice, 6:30pm

Cantata rehearsal, 7:15pm

Praise Band practice, 8pm

**Thu - Sept 12**

GriefShare, RH-5:30-7:30pm ([www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org))

Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

**Sun - Sept 15**

Feed the Hunger, 2:30pm

**Mon - Sept 16**

Finance Committee, 7pm

Susanna Wesley Circle, 7pm

**Fri - Sept 20**

Girl Scout Sock Hop, Fellowship Hall, 4-9:00pm

**Mon - Sept 23**

Church Council, 7pm

**Wed - Sept 25**

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30-6:00pm

**Sun - Sept 29**

One Combined Worship Service, 10am

*Please use this link <http://bit.ly/SPUMCUConnectForm> when submitting information for the uConnect.*

### American Red Cross

The next scheduled blood drive is Wednesday, September 25 from 1:30-6PM. Contact the church office or [click here to make an appointment](#).

The United States of America Ukraine Israel situation in the Middle East

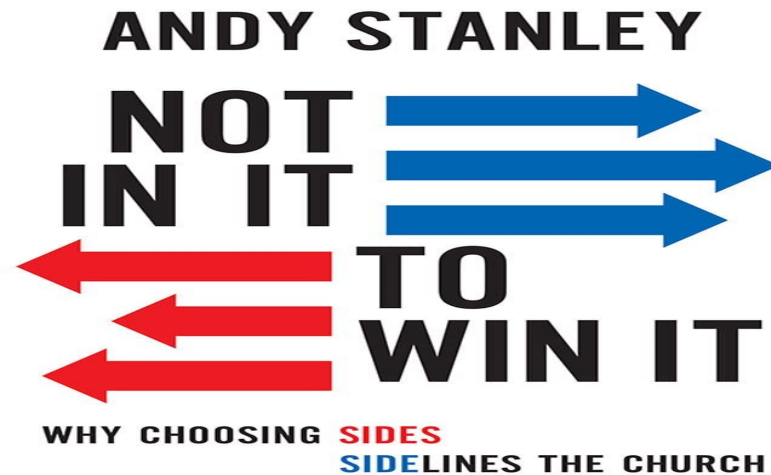
Those affected by Violence/Missing: Apalachee HS, GA

Weather Issues: Hawaii Alaska

**Prayer List**—If you or others you know have an upcoming medical procedure, are sick, or are experiencing a significant life event, please let our pastoral staff know by contacting the church directly at [spumc@nc.rr.com](mailto:spumc@nc.rr.com) or calling 910-692-3518. You also fill out the Pastoral Visit or Prayer Request card located on the back of each pew and place it in the collection plate.

### Book Study with Pastor JM

Join JM and friends for a three-week book study on Andy Stanley's "Not In It To Win It" beginning next Sunday, Sept. 8, and 4:00pm. Copies can be purchased online for as little as \$3. Please read through pg. 75 for our first session. If you need to join remotely, please email JM directly for the zoom link.



**Mission Statement:** "Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, to others, and to the world."

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### Feed the Hunger Packathon -Sept. 15 @ 2:30 p.m.

Join fellow SPUMCers as we package 20,000 meals to address food insecurity amongst vulnerable school children around the globe....



You may use link below to sign-up for this event

[SignUp Sheet | Euite](#)

### Summer Books and Bags for Kids

This summer our Church gave out 452 bags to kids. This was over 10 Mondays during the hours of SPUMC Food Pantry. 27 of the bags were for babies and toddlers and 425 were for school age kids preschool through 12th grade. This is way more than any other summer. We served 114 individual families through this program. Each child was given a book and activity book plus toy or craft kit every time the family came.

Jesus told us to welcome the children. Parents have told us how much the bags mean to them. It took a small army of volunteers to plan, find the right books, assemble bags and give them out. Lots of hours of work: lifting, transporting, filling bags, and going to cars. What a joy to meet parents and see their joy! "Read, read, read" We Said. We hope our books and activities made a difference!!

Thanks to our Committee, especially Jill Bingham and my partner Vivian Ratliff, for all their work. We are grateful to our Youth Group and other teens who helped distribute. We relied on our Sunday School class members, our Life Groups, and others who signed up to help. We appreciate the Church Staff, especially Nannette, Elias (great lifter!), and Monica. We will be doing bags again in December. So let us know if you want to help. Mary Ellen Bender, 252-802-0525.