

Southern Pines United Methodist Church



Christmas Cantata

10:00 am
Sunday, December 15

Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah

Written & Arranged by

Mary McDonald & Rose Aspinall

Sung by the SPUMC Chancel Choir



SPUMC Youth "Live Nativity"

Today, Sunday

December 15

5—7:00 PM

YOU ARE INVITED to the Susanna Wesley Brunch
Today, December 15, following the 10:00 o'clock Cantata
worship service a brunch will be served in Fellowship Hall.

\$7.50 (adult) \$15 (2 adults) \$3 per Child under 10

Menu: Egg, sausage, cheese casserole, Winter fruit salad,
Sweet table, Tea, Coffee, Juice

*Vegetarian casserole available

Lovingly prepared by the SW Sisters



Advent Sunday School Class

The extra Sunday school class
will conclude on December 22
at 9 am.

The class is led by
associate pastor Sandy Kim and
meets in Reeves Hall Room 4.

Sermon Series

The Gift of the
Nutcracker

**December
22 & 24**

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.



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

Sunday, December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday in Advent

10:00 am Cantata Worship
(one worship service today)

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

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Tommy Sweeley, Sr. Pastor
tlsweeley@nccumc.org

Pastor Sandy Min Jae Kim, Assoc. Pastor
mkim@nccumc.org

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messhore@gmail.com

Todd Handell, Youth Pastor
southernpinesumcyouth@gmail.com

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daubenspeck.alan@gmail.com

Laura Francis, Social Media
sopinesumc@gmail.com

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

December 15 @ 10 AM: Christmas Cantata:
"Jesus, The Advent of the Messiah"

December 15 @ 10 AM Susanna Wesley Fundraiser Brunch, Fellowship Hall

December 15 @ 5 PM: Southern Pines UMC Youth "Live Nativity"

December 18 @ 3:30 PM: Blue Christmas Service, Reeves Hall, 5

December 22 @ 9 AM Sunday School & 10 AM "One Worship Service"

December 24 @ 5 PM: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 29 @ 9 AM Sunday School & 10 AM "One Worship Service"

To our online donors:

As we near the end of the year, it is time to review your scheduled donations to be certain that they will continue properly into 2020.

Please check:

- the amount of your planned donation. Is this correct for 2020?
- your stop date. Some of our donors scheduled their contributions with a December 2019 stop date. If you would like to continue with online giving into 2020, this will need to be adjusted.

Thank you for your support of Southern Pines United Methodist Church and its missions. Contact:
Jean@bradshawcapitalmgt.com



The Helping Hands Ministry will continue in 2020 with a name change to **Caring Hearts Ministry**. Please look for inserts to sign up for this ministry in January.

Thank you for caring—
Lynda Newsome

SPUMC Winter Clothing Drive to benefit clients of the Sandhills Coalition for Human Care.

Dec 1 — Feb 16

(please see orange insert on table in narthex with list of items needed .)

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)

Analysis of Offering for December 8, 2019

Operating	\$12,975.00
Enrich Educat. Fellowship.....	20.00
Church Preservation.....	430.00
Pastor’s Discretionary.....	50.00
Special Music Gifts.....	70.00
Staff Gifts.....	665.00
Blessing Bags.....	100.00
Youth Funds.....	50.00
At-Risk High School.....	100.00
Children’s Clothing.....	1,125.00
Food Pantry.....	300.00
Zoe Ministry.....	70.00
Angel Tree.....	65.00
Total.....	\$16,020.00

Summary of Gift Totals, December 8, 2019

<u>2019 Operating Budget</u>	<u>\$ 777,599</u>
Contributions Required Weekly	\$ 14,957
Op. Contributions Required YTD	\$ 732,737
Op. Contributions Received YTD	\$ 704,268
Church Preservation Received YTD	\$ 29,942

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. 8, 2019

9:00 am (191)

11:15 am (162)

10:15 am Sunday School (108)

12 noon Tuesday, Holy Communion (4)

Senior Adult Fellowship
will meet at Table on the Green, Tuesday, December 17 at 11:30 AM

The program, Christmas music, a head-scratcher called “I remember”...

Please call Lin Heimrick at 910-315-4090 by Sunday, December 15

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year’s Christmas Clothing Project. Whether you shopped or made a financial contribution, “thank you”.

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.

The Christmas Clothing Project paired 36 needy children with volunteer shoppers who together went to Belk and picked out pants, shirts, jackets, and shoes. Belk provided us with a generous discount and provided the children with goody bags and snacks.

Contact Tom Aubrey for more information about this ministry.

aubreytom@embarqmail.com



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.

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.

Please call the florist Hollyfield Design (910-692-7243) to place your order.

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

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