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Active

Zach Aubrey W. Troie Barker Marie Cross Pucillo

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Jenna Barto Rorex Knoxville, TN

Independent Care and Assisted Living Facility Residents of SPUMC

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Prayer List of Extended Family & Friends

Charles Aubrey (father of Tom Aubrey), **Johnny Baskowski** (Gail Dodge), **Charles & Karen Battle** (Greg & Brenda Tillman), **Wallace Beeson** (the Conklin family), **Bradley Bettini** (Susan Reeve), **Peggy Bitting** (Heilman/Tillman families), **Shelli Boes** (Kerri Crowl), **Larry Bost** (BIL of Ruthie Borrell), **Lillian Brewington** (David Young), **Deb Bridges**, **Mike Brough** (Greg & Brenda Tillman), **Irene Buckland** (David Young), **Inez Bundy** (Nancy Scaggs), Family & Friends of **Jalinda Campbell**, **Cheri Carlson** (mother of Shaun & Caroline Carlson), **Julienne Carter** (mother of Kathy Powitchko), **Rosalind Chapman** (Nancy Scaggs), Ruth **Claggett** (mother of Kathy Schlager), **Nancy & Otto Deacon** (cousins of Libby Staples), **Becky Doman** (Nancy Scaggs), **Linda Durant** (Ronnie Durant), **Jennifer Evans** (DIL of Marion Evans), **Marie Fowler** (Nancy Scaggs), **Kay Gann** (cousin Mary Mandell), **Kyleigh Graham** (Nanette Martin), **Tessie Hall** (Juanita Boros), **Roy Hanna** (father of Stephanie Fraser), **Jerry & Pamela Harris**, **Grace Heilman** (mother of Brenda Tillman), **Max Hensley** (Brenda Tillman), **Chuck Hodges** (Maggie Bonecutter), **Alex Holland** (Bobby Adams), **Lois Homa** (Sherry Driscoll), **Becca Hughes** (David Young), **Jodi** (friend of Sue Rich), **Noah Jones** (Mike Pusillo), **Tonya Keith** (Brenda Tillman), **Lee Locklear** (Sherry Locklear/D. Young) **Trish Lowrie** (niece of Kathy Powitchko), **Kerry & Gracie Ann Lustig** (Dustin & Maggie Bonecutter), **Julio Lopez-Martinez** (Don & Sandy Bryant), **Margo Turner Mead** (Maggie Bonecutter), **Mae McGougan**, **Alta Miller** (Erin Shore), **Jim Miller** (brother of John Miller), **Mae Murchison** (Sandy Bryant), **Tom Neary** (Drew & Karen Croucher), **Doug Norlinger** (Vicki Brown), **Gene Oldham** (Greg & Brenda Tillman), **Thomas Parham** (Nancy Scaggs), Marlene **Pearce** (Jean Hicks), **Joe Phillips** (Michael & Sally Moore), **Sherry Pridgen** (Keri Crowl), **Ken Rahal**, **Jack & Denny Rasmus** (parents of Joe Rasmus), **Leon Ratliff** (brother of Alvin Ratliff), **Virginia Reynolds** (mother of Jim Reynolds), **Chuck Robbins** (son of Martha Robbins), **Noel Roberts** (mother of Russell Walters), **Kelly Scaggs** (relative of Maggie Bonecutter & Nancy Scaggs), **Phillip Scercy** (Mikey Delle) **Rebecca Splawn** (Jean Hicks), **Ed Thomas** (the Tillman's), **Marty Todd** (friend of Mike & Sally Moore), **Brad Van Laningham** (son of Bob & PJ), **Leslie Wells** (Jackie Dean), **Vera Williams**, **Julie Calvert Wolf** (Nancy Scaggs), **Father** of Shirley Bond

We periodically update our Extended Family & Friends Prayer List. Please contact the church office if you want name to remain.

Our church preschool, **Little People Loving and Learning**, has an opening! If you have a four-year-old, please contact Erin Shore at 910-992-7033 or LPLoveLearn@gmail.com for enrollment information. Please pass the word on to friends. We'd love to have your little one be part of the LPLL family!

The new year is almost here. As you're planning for 2017 dates, don't forget to purchase your 2017 God's Creation calendar. These high-quality calendars highlight some of God's most beautiful creations and include scripture. The youth are selling these for just \$7 as a fundraiser for missions.

If you have not given a **Life Group** a try, please do so. You are invited to delve into this opportunity with excitement and energy. If you are interested in becoming part of a Life Group, you can sign up in the Narthex at SPUMC each Sunday or contact Pastor Tommy or Pastor Chae.

December 25 — January 1, 2017

<p>Sunday, January 1 10:00 am Worship Service (no Sunday school)</p> <p>Monday, January 2 Church office closed 10:00 am Food Pantry</p> <p>Wednesday, January 4 7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Wednesday, January 11 12:00 pm Pastor(s) at Quail Haven</p> <p>Thursday, January 12 Crowl wedding rehearsal 7:00 pm Girl Scout Volunteer Training</p> <p>Friday, January 13 6:30 pm Tori Crowl wedding</p> <p>Tuesday, January 17 11:30 am Senior Adult Fellowship, Midland C.Club</p>	<p>January 2017 Committee Meetings</p> <p>Monday Jan 9 7:00 pm Trustee Monday Jan 9 7:00 pm Staff-Parish Relations Monday Jan 16 7:00 pm Finance Monday, Jan 23 7:00 pm Church Council</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Weekly Events</p> <p>Mon: 10:00 am SPUMC Food Pantry Mon: 12:00 pm Noon Day Prayer, Sanctuary Tues: 9:30 am Exercise Class, Narthex Tues: 11:00 am Intercessory Prayer, H. Parlor Tues: 12:00 pm Holy Communion, Chapel Wed: 9:00 am Christian Community Outreach Wed: 8:00 pm Praise Band Practice</p>
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In Attendance

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24: 514

Christmas Sunday, December 25: 142

Summary of Gift Totals as of December 25, 2016

\$733,363	Operating Contributions Required Weekly	\$ 14,103
	Operating Contributions Received YTD	\$ 708,665
	Operating Required YTD	\$ 733,363
	Debt Retirement YTD	\$ 69,305
	Church Preservation	\$ 19,183
	EEFF	\$ 40,362

Analysis of Offering — Sunday, December 25, 2016

Operating - \$16,643.72; Loose Plate - \$770.00; Sunday School - \$28.00; Debt Retirement \$1,219.00; Enrich Education Fellowship - \$1,550.00; Pastors Disc. - \$1,066.00; Church Preservation Fund - \$117.00; Staff Gifts - \$125.00; UMCOR (Hurricane Matthew) - \$460.00; Food Pantry - \$625.00; Zoe Ministry - \$1,186.89; Total - \$23,790.61

Please write on the memo line of your check into which church fund or funds you would like your donation designated: Operating, Debt, EEFF, ZOE, Food Pantry, etc. One check may be split into many different funds. (\$50.00 check: Oper – \$25.00, EEFF – \$20.00, Food Pantry \$5.00) If giving cash, please do the same on your envelopes. If you know your account number, please include that as well. Thank you!

Our 2017 **Stewardship Campaign** has begun in order to fulfill the 2017 Operating Budget. If you have not turned in your pledge card please do so in order to complete the campaign.

Extra packets are in the Narthex and the church office if you wish to stop by and pick one up during the week.

We thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to Southern Pines United Methodist Church. Bill and Maria Pate

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Love Came Down at Christmas
Ellen Wilken, flute

Rosetti

*Offertory Response #95

Doxology

OLD 100th

*Prayer of Dedication

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING No.17

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Unison

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

*HYMN #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Wren

*BENEDICTION

Responsively

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*devices for those who are hearing impaired are available in the narthex.

*like us on Facebook, find us on You Tube and blog with us at southernpinesumc.org

Our Christian love and sympathy to Debbie Whitley in the death of her mother-in-law, Mary Whitley. Mary passed away on Christmas Day. Her memorial service was Thursday, December 29 in Albemarle, NC.

Thank you to everyone who brought meals, checked in on us, offered help and love after the birth of our son Kian. We are truly blessed to be a part of the SPUMC church family!

—John, Ashley, Ryker, Leah and Kian Cross

OPENING VOLUNTARY
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS
INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Brothers and sisters, we gather on this day in the name of the One who has bound himself to us in love, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Let us rejoice at the presence of Christ among us.

Out of Egypt and into the land of Israel,

God calls us to a new beginning.

Abounding in steadfast love,

Let us remember all that God has done for us. Amen.

*HYMN #240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Wesley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

p. 652

ANTHEM

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol

Ellen Wilken, flute

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Erin Shore

(On Communion Sunday, children ages 3-5 years old are invited to visit the nursery.)

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

p. 2

SERMON

"Out of Egypt"

Rev. Tommy Sweeley

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Merciful God, for many of us, today is a day of new beginnings -- a chance to start fresh, a time to "turn over a new leaf." We are buoyed by hopefulness and alive with the anticipation of what this new year might hold. Yet for many others, today is just another day of struggle—and tomorrow will be more of the same. Chronic pain, addictions and relationship issues are no less abated because it is now 2017, nor are financial resources any more abundant. Lord, forgive us for not hearing the cry of the needy. Give us eyes to look beyond the safety and comfort of our own lives in order to experience the uncertainty and fear that plague much of our world. Disquiet us with the scandal of injustice, inequity and human misery so that, following the example of Christ, our Savior, we might choose to suffer alongside those who suffer and become bearers of peace, comfort and hope. Amen.

(silent confession)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen!

2016 Alternative Christmas Gift Fair—Thanks to your loving generosity, SPUMC's annual gift fair was a great success. Many will receive God's love and receive needed help through your honor gifts for friends and loved ones. A total of \$4,846 was donated, with Family Promise receiving \$905, Heifer receiving \$2,106, Hope Academy receiving \$1,375, and Southern Pines Primary School receiving \$460. We have blessed many and have been blessed by this ministry.

Thank you to all who contribute to the Blessing Bags ministry. The bags are distributed through the SPUMC Food Pantry. We thank you for your support and ask that you continue with this mission as you feel led.

Blessing bag needs are: conditioning shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, deodorant and washcloths.

Upcoming Nuptials—Victoria Lynn Crawl and Eric Scott Drum are excited to announce their wedding day, Friday, January 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at SPUMC. The bride's parents are John and Keri Crawl and the groom's parents are Keith and Frankie Drum.

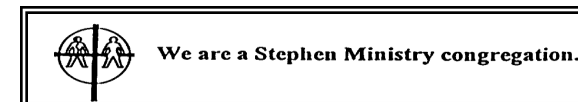
Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry that supports homeless and at-risk students of Pinecrest, Union Pines, and North Moore High Schools. Fruit cups and protein bars can be placed in the donation boxes that are in the Reeves Hall Narthex area. Be sure the fruit cups have a pop-top or plastic pull-open lid for easy use without a can opener.

A variety of age appropriate magazines are available at the Visitor's Desk in the Narthex.

The deadline for information to be put in the bulletin is noon on Wednesday.

Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to "The Times" newsletter mailing list. Information deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

Stephen Ministers are trained lay members of the congregation who will visit with you weekly, listen, offer resources if needed, pray with and for you, and share Christian love and support. This relationship is one of confidentiality. If you would like to have a Stephen Minister or for more information, please contact Tommy Sweeley, 692-3518 or tsweeley@nccumc.org or Susan Rich, slrich@centurylink.net.



Thank you for worshipping at Southern Pines United Methodist Church today. As an active faith community, our concept of "church" stretches far beyond the brick and mortar walls on our campus. In fact, we believe that how we live out our faith beyond the walls of our building is often more important than what we do inside the building. The ministry of SPUMC encompasses worship, discipleship, and mission opportunities.

Each provides a way that you can connect with God and with others, both of which are important. We hope that you will join us as we transform lives, uplift hearts and grow together in Christ through mission, worship, discipleship, and fellowship. Feel free to contact the church office and/or one of the ministers to chat. We would love to see you soon!

Usher Captains:	Dave Sherwood (8:30)	AV Team:	Mike Barrett
	Craig Thompson (11:00)		Susan McNeill
Acolyte Coordinators:	Keri Crowl (8:30)		BJ Shore
	Maggie Bonecutter (11:00)		Jason Sutton
Communion Stewards:	Candace Fairbanks (8:30)	Sound Engineers:	Jeff Johnson (8:30)
	Mary Sue Faulkner (11:00)		Cliff Harris (11:00)
	Betty Hobbs (11:00)		

Christ in Us; Christ Through Us

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings, through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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