

Please Remember in Prayer the week of September 23, 2018

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**Prayer List of Extended Family & Friends**

All affected by hurricane Florence; **Johnny Baskowski** (Gail Dodge), **Peggy Bitting** (Heilman/Tillman families), **Diana Bloom** (Shirley Shank), **Lillian Brewington** (David Young), **Ruth Claggett** (mother of Kathy Schlagel), **Sandra Cook** (mother of Mike Moore), **Roberta Danielson** (Jane MacDougall), **Nancy & Otto Deacon** (cousins of Libby Staples), **Patty Ellis, JL Evans, Father** of Shirley Bond, **Kay Gann** (cousin Mary Mandell), **Lynda Gomillion** (Keri Crowl), **Roy Hanna** (father of Stephanie Fraser), **Jerry & Pamela Harris, Marilyn Hartsell** (Jean Hicks), **Steve** (Gary & Bobbeye Hildebrande), **Betty Sue Justice** (David Young), **Jodi** (friend of Sue Rich), **Ken & Alice & family** (friends of Michael & Sally Moore) **Kyle** (Jim & Rutie Borrell), **Jacob Lancaster** (Gail Scott), **Jennifer Maness** (Jimmie Ann Lassiter), **Julio Lopez-Martinez** (Don & Sandy Bryant), **Judy Malecki** (sister of Sue Rich), **Kara Matthews & family** (daughter of Richard & Vicki Brown), **John Moore** (father of Michael Moore), **Joseph Morellio** (Geri Walker), **Mae Murchison** (Sandy Bryant), **Gene Oldham** (Greg & Brenda Tillman), **James Page** (Vicki Brown), **Grace Philips** (Susan Sweeley), **Peyton Priest** (granddaughter of Donie Oldham, Girl Scouts), **Denny Rasmus Erma Reeder** (mother of Kim Stoudenmire), **Carol Renken** (Kitzy Bundy), **Johnny Rivera** (son of Donna Dickson), **Jonathan Scarboro** (Wyatt Glenn), **Phillip Scercy**, (Mikey Delle) **Troy Scott** (nephew of Gwen Funderburk), **Monica Stevens, Peggy Swaringen** (sister of Betty Richardson), **Ronnie Thompson** (Frank Thigpen), **O'Neal Tickle** (son of Don Tickle), **Jeremy Tillman** (Greg & Brenda Tillman), **Philip & Carol Umansky** (brother-in-law & sister of David Young), **Ed Valitutto, Forrest White** (4 yr old w/cancer) **Vera Williams, Carol Wiseburn** (Marguerite Hussey).

**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 can also fill out the Pastoral Visit or Prayer Request card located on the back of each pew.



**Southern Pines United Methodist Church**

**8:30 Worship September 23, 2018**

**Sermon Series: "Let's Party!"**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Come As You Are*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)  
Come Thou Fount*

WELCOME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Eileen and Ralph Spatz

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:11-32 NRSV

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children ages 3-7 yrs. old are invited to KOW, name tags in pew pads.)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*Beautiful Things*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION

*How He Loves*

SERMON

"The Kingdom of God Is a Party"

Rev. Tommy Sweeley

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Chain Breaker*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH

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**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 8:30 worship service, everyone is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments." -Southern Pines United Methodist Church Family

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

*I Will Enter His Gates*

Leona vonBrethorst

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Leader: While we wander far from home, the Father awaits our return.

**People: May we come to our senses and return home to the Father.**

Leader: Our Father will welcome us home with open arms and celebrate our return because we were lost but now we have been found.

**People: Praise be to God, our merciful Father, who forgives our sins and restores us to wholeness.**

\*HYMN #540

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Timothy Dwight

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WELCOME

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP #38

Todd Handell

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:12-17 NRSV

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ANTHEM

*I Will Sing Praise Unto the Lord*

Joseph M. Martin

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:11-32 NRSV

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Erin Shore

(Children ages 3-7 yrs. old are invited to KOW, name tags in pew pads)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

George Whelpton

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology #95

OLD 100th

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #405

*Seek Ye First*

Karen Lafferty

SERMON

"The Kingdom of God Is a Party"

Rev. Tommy Sweeley

\*HYMN #348

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

Will L. Thompson

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

Lee Hastings Bristol

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ron Scaggs, whose birthday was this past Sunday, September 16, by Nancy, Maggie, Lydia, Sophia and Dustin.

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**Today we welcome into membership:**

Ralph and Eileen Spatz of 40 Sandpiper Drive, Whispering Pines, 28327.

Todd Handell of 4607 Saratoga Court, Aberdeen, 28315.

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**Thank you** for my birthday party, cards, gifts and calls. And, a special thank you for my talking Bible. Thank you for celebrating with me. —Donna Dickson**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the "Fancy Pants" promotion. \$250.00 was donated to the Sandhills Coalition for Human Care along with 301 pairs of underwear and 294 pairs of socks. A portion of underwear and socks was taken to Southern Pines Primary School for their clothes closet since your generosity almost tripled the target goal. Many little ones in our community had new undies as they returned to school this fall.**Thank you** for your love, support, prayers and cards during our loss of Mary Anne. We love you and are happy to be part of this church family. —Jim and Louise Laningham

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Due to hurricane Florence, worship services and activities were canceled this past Sunday, 9/16.

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**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, [tsweeley@nccumc.org](mailto:tsweeley@nccumc.org), 692-3518 or Susan Rich, [slrich@centurylink.net](mailto:slrich@centurylink.net).

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**Life Groups:** 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 ([tsweeley@nccumc.org](mailto:tsweeley@nccumc.org)), or Chae Albright ([calbright@nccumc.org](mailto:calbright@nccumc.org)).