

Congratulations to our KOW Kids for raising enough money to donate a cow to Heifer International! Also Pastor Tommy wants to thank the kids for donating chickens in his honor.

Pastor Tommy and the staff would like to thank the congregation for their Christmas gifts. It is truly a blessing to serve such a caring, supportive and generous congregation.

Each Pay Day Sept-May, every staff member at the new Southern Pines Elementary School receives a treat from our church in appreciation for all they do for children. We need your help to prepare and deliver the treats this winter and spring. Treats may be a candy bar (sometimes PayDay) or a bag of goodies. Life Groups, classes, circles, families, please respond! First date is Jan 25. Call or Text Mary Ellen Bender 252-802-0525. Staff look forward to this extra recognition!!!

Our sincerest condolences and prayers to the families who have recently had a loved one pass on to a new life.

Please remember Kathy and with the death of Kathy's father, David Simpson.

Please remember Kim Stoudenmire with the death of her mother, Erma Reeder. Erma passed away Saturday night, December 25th.

Please remember David & Sandra Miller with the death of David's sister, Peggy Boone.



Beginning January 8th will be another 13-week GriefShare session led by Bill and Doris Russell on Saturday morning from 9:30-11:30a until April 2nd. These Saturday sessions will allow those working through the week to attend, does not require night driving, leaves the rest of Saturday available, and finishes before Easter. We realize some members who attend will have some Saturdays when they cannot participate, but that happens during any 13-week session. We got our book order in while they were still \$15 instead of \$20. Any participant who came during the July 22-October 14th session will not need to buy another book. Please bring the book you purchased then. The registration and weekly topic information GriefShare website.

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/>

Visitors: Please text Welcome to (910) 600-6769 so that we may connect with you. Thank you.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mary Jo Hicks by her family.

The Colossian Way

Concerns about sexuality, gender, and same-sex marriage are all around us. Many individuals and communities are left hurting, angry, and confused. What does faithfulness to Christ look like as this topic evolves? Joining a Colossian Way Group may be for you: If you've lost a relationship because of disagreements surrounding interpretations of sexuality in Scripture. If you long to activate and Fedepen your faith in our polarized environment. The Colossian Way takes its name from Colossians 1:17, which tells us that in Christ all things hold together. Jesus is reconciling all things together, including our differences on the sexuality issues, even as we sometimes disagree about what that means. Then, join a Colossian Way Group in January or for more information email Pastor Tommy: tlsweeley@nccumc.org

Scripture Lesson: Acts 8:14-17 (NRSV)

Sermon Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)

Sermon Title: "Power for the Mission"

Rev. Tommy Sweeley

Nursery (birth—2 years)

Contemporary/Live Stream, 9am

Kids Own Worship (3 years +)

Sunday School (all ages), 10am

F/X Family Experience, Fellowship Hall, 10:05am

Traditional/Live Stream, 11am

Mon - Jan 10 Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 7pm
Staff Meeting, 2pm

Tues - Jan 11 Exercise Class, 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Sat - Jan 15 GriefShare, 9:30—11:30am

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/>

Mon - Jan 17 Finance Committee, 7pm (via Zoom)
Susanna Wesley Circle, 7pm

Wed - Jan 19 Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:30am

Mon - Jan 24 Church Council, 7pm (via Zoom)

<http://www.southernpinesumc.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/SoPinesUMC>

<https://vimeo.com/sopinesumc>

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Mon - Jan 24 Blood Drive, 10-2pm (Fellowship Hall) <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive->

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: www.southernpinesumc.org and click "Give" at the top of the page to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Bradshaw at: jean@bradshawcapitalmgt.com
TEXT YOUR OFFERING: 910-390-1703 (These donations will go to the operating budget.) **THANK YOU!**

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 Laura Parker (lparker@firstbancorp.com, 910-246-0835) at First Bank Wealth Management. 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. Jean@bradshawcapitalmgt.com **Thank you, SPUMC Finance Office**

Contributions for the week of - 2 Jan 2022

Operating	\$ 11,913.00
Pastors Discretionary	\$ 125.00
Church Preservation Fund	\$ 280.00
Special Music Gifts	\$ 200.00
Moore Free Care Clinic	\$ 50.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$ 25.00
Lyman Fund Endowment	\$ 50.00
UMCOR	\$ 11,325.00
Heifer International	\$ 560.00
Food Pantry	\$ 5,247.00
Zoe Ministry	\$ 10,175.00
<u>Elec. Processing Donation</u>	<u>\$ 24.62</u>
Total	\$ 39,974.62

Operating Contributions YTD	\$ 651,401
Preservation Contrib. YTD	\$ 25,943
Operating Expenses YTD	\$ 611,995

2 Jan 2022 Worship Attendance

68 (9 am) 56 (11 am)
365 (Virtually)
35 Sunday School

ALTAR FLOWERS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FLOWERS FOR THE SANTUARY, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL MIKEY DELLE: 910-725-0367 or mikeydelle@nc.rr.com

Flowers will be made in a glass vase, easier to transport and more suitable for home display. Please pick up after the 11:00 service or on Monday in the church office.

Cost is \$50, payable to SPUMC (altar flowers on memo line)

“Better” Please join us for this wonderful women’s Bible study! In this 10-session video based study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God “provided something better for us” in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. [11:40](#)). Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone. [Better: A Study of Hebrews | Jen Wilkin | Lifeway](#)

Meeting Dates: Wednesdays on January 19,26, February 2,9,16, March 2,9,16,23,30
Meeting Times: 9:30-11:30 AM
Place: Ruthie Borrell’s home

On December 14th, a small group of volunteers went shopping at Belk for the Christmas Clothing Project. The purpose of this mission is to provide needy children at Southern Pines Elementary School with new clothing items. The school staff identified the children and provided their sizes and specific needs. And, Belk once again, provided a 20% discount.

This year, due to COVID-19, the shopping was done without the children being present. The volunteers shopped for 18 children and spent a total of \$2,166.04 (\$120.33 per child). These items were delivered to Southern Pines Elementary School that same day to be dispersed to the children’s families.

Started in 1984, this was the 38th year for the Christmas Clothing Project.

HONORARIUMS

In honor of Nanette Martin by Frank and Lynne Thigpen

In honor of Joe and Vivian Harrington by Gwen Funderburk

In honor of Myron and Barbara Dice by Gwen Funderburk

In honor of Tom Aubrey by Don and Mona Hill

In honor of Gwen Funderburk by Joe and Vivian Harrington

MEMORIALS

In memory of Mildred Hamilton by Mary Ellen Bender and Frank and Lynne Thigpen

In memory of Bobbye Hildebrand by Mary Ellen Bender and Larry and Lynda Newsome

In memory of Jerri Collier by Frank and Lynne Thigpen

In memory of Nancy Newman by Mary Ellen Bender

Prayer List of Southern Pines UMC Members

Len Barto
Jill Bingham
Herman Collier
Lewis Cooper
Bill Dillon & family
Candace Fairbanks
Ang. Flanders' family
Wyatt Glenn
Mary C. Harris
Roger Hicks
Mona Hill
Jack Hussey
Jim Laningham
Louise Laningham
Hal Leak
Mary Majors
Nancy Manar
Shannon Masneri
Jim McCaskill
David Miller
Mike Moore
Corie Questell
Jennie Rose
Gail Scott
Gale Smith
Jess Smith
John Southerland
Eileen Spatz
Carolyn West
Larry White
Treis Williams
Rachael Wirtz

FirstHealth Hospital: Ed Morrison, Reid Heart Center

Fox Hollow — 190 Fox Hollow Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Annalee Anderson (Apt. 233) Jim Juett
 Grace Philips (Apt. 246)

TerraBella — 101 Brucewood Road, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Phyllis Marker (703) June Thompson (C-2) Nancy Smith

Quail Haven — 155 Blake Blvd., Pinehurst, NC 28374

Jean Hicks

Penick Village— 500 East Rhode Island Ave., So. Pines, NC 28387

Carol Chapman Chuck Kersey, #113, N. Bldg.
 Myron & Barb Dice Jane MacDougall
 Betty Dorsett Kay Rhoades
 Marion Evans Gerald & Nancy Peterson, #259 N. Bldg.

Donna Dickson, 1777 Cawdor Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304

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

Ed & Kadie Hergenrother, 965 Hager Drive, Apt. 434, Petoskey, MI 49770

DAR Raube, 120 N. Deerfield Road, Pontiac, IL 61764

April Zulch, 3 Scarborough Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Missionary/Other

ZOE Groups

Active/Deployed

W. Troie Barker (deployed)
 CPT Brian Harvey
 1st Lt. Benjamin Harvey
 Gold Star/Military Families

Families affected by:

COVID-19/Variants
 Frontline Workers
 Victims of Tornado -Kentucky
 Weather Related Issues
 Wildfires—CO /Grandfather Mtn.

If you or someone you know has an upcoming medical procedure, is sick, or is experiencing a significant life event, please let our pastoral staff know by contacting the church directly at spumc@nc.rr.com or by calling 910-692-3518.

Prayer List of Southern Pines UMC Extended Family & Friends

Alice Allen (mother of Susan Reeve)
Fred Barefoot (grandfather of Gretchen Arnoczy)
Johnny Baskowski (Gail Dodge)
Peggy Bitting (Heilman/Tillman families)
Bill Biggers (Robert Reeve)
Deb Borrell (sister of Jim Borrell)
Gladys Britt (stepmother of Rhonda McKinney)
Lisa Bunge (daughter of Doug Burns)
Charles Carraway (Katherine Stafford)
Joe Carter (brother of Kathy Powitchko)
Susan Carter (David Young)
Billy Clark (Betty Hobbs/Cheryl Clark)
Tommy Lou Dancy (cousin of Ruth Ludwig)
Shannon Mae Degreef
Art & Judy Dellinger (Keri Crowl)
Andrew Dice (son of Myron & Barb Dice)
Dawn Dillon (daughter of Bill Dillon)
Myra Doggett (mother of Michelle Aubrey)
Wayne Eggleston (cousin of Vivian Ratliff)
Rumero Espinosa (Barb Dice)
Father of Shirley Bond
Jack Francis (son of Jay & Laura Francis)
Steve Frazier & family (cousin of Nancy Frazier)
Donnie Funderburk (B-I-L of Gwen Funderburk)
Terry Georgakae (John and Cindy Marohl)
Steve Guyton (Katherine Stafford)
Judy Griffin (mother of Debbie Pardal)
Kathy Thomerson-Haddad (cousin of Brenda Geist)
Tessie Troutman Hall (Juanita Boros)
Jerry & Pamela Harris
Abigail Hawkes (Cragan Barbee)
Grace Heilman (mother of Brenda Tillman)
Mike Hodges (Vivian Ratliff)
Scott Hodges (cousin of Mary Sue Faulkner)
Lewis Holder (Sally Moore)
Shelia Howard (Hugh Bingham)
Hunter (Amy Cooper)

Steve (Gary Hildebrand)
Nancy Jacy (sister of David Young)
Jasper Jawanda (Gretchen Arnoczy)
Joe (Mikey Delle)
Judy & Holly (Debbie Pardal)
Everette Juett (grandson of Jim Juett)
Stan Johnson (Keri Crowl)
Betty Sue Justice (David Young)
Jacob Lancaster (Gail Scott)
Patsy Layer (Vivian Ratliff)
Jennifer Maness (Jimmie Ann Lassiter)
Mae McGougan
Martha Meeks (mother of Vivian Ratliff)
Oldham family (Greg & Brenda Tillman)
The Parham family (Nancy Scaggs)
Phil Parks (cousin of Gloria Moore)
Jackson M. Powitchko (grandson of Jack & Kathy)
Peyton Priest (Keri Crowl)
James Quesinberry (Cassie Lehr)
Jenny Reeder (niece of Kim Stoudenmire)
Roscoe & Mary S. Reeve (parents of Robert Reeve)
Carol Renken (Kitzy Bundy)
Tommy Riggins (brother of Katherine Stafford)
Summer Ruyle (niece of Bob Newman)
Raymond Rzaca (John & Cindy Marohl)
Jonathan Scarboro (Wyatt Glenn)
Troy Scott (nephew of Gwen Funderburk)
Sandy Shrewsbury (Scaggs/Bonecutter)
Carol Smith (Sandy Bryant)
Janice Solle (Richard Mandell)
Doris Tillman
Jeremy Tillman (Greg & Brenda Tillman)
Tom & aunt (Will Holliday)
Judy Jones-Turnage (S-I-L of Barbara Richardson)
Sandi Wesson (John & Cindy Marohl)
Vera Williams
Carol Wiseburn (Marguerite Hussey)

When submitting information to the uConnect, please use this link <http://bit.ly/SPUMCUConnectForm>.

All information must be submitted by Monday, 11:59:59 pm. Hard copies of the uConnect may be picked up in the narthex or the church office.