

	<i>*Please Stand if Able</i>	
Prelude	<i>Battle Belongs</i> <i>I Won't Back Down</i>	Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
What mighty praise belongs to you, O God.		
We will fulfill our vows to you, for you answer our prayers.		
Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all.		
You faithfully answer our prayers, O God our savior.		
You are the hope of everyone on earth.		
From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.		
*Song of Praise	<i>Your Grace Is Enough</i>	Congregational
*Passing of the Peace		
Scripture Lesson	Exodus 22:21-27 (NRSV)	page 66 (OT)
Children's Time (afterwards, children 3 years - 5th grade are invited to go to KOW. You may pick your child(ren) up from KOW or the playground after the worship service).		
Joys & Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Anthem	<i>Chain Breaker</i>	Praise Band
Sermon Scripture	Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)	page 76 (NT)
Sermon	Pastor John Michael McAllister	
*Song of Response	<i>Hold Us Together</i>	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. <u>After the 9:00 worship service, everyone is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall or the Memorial Garden for refreshments and fellowship.</u>		
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).		

<i>(*) denotes those who are able to stand</i>		
<i>Children ages birth-4 are invited to go to the nursery during the 11:00 worship service.</i>		
Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
Introit	<i>God of Love and God of Power</i>	Chancel Choir
*Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH #140
*Opening Prayer		
Persistent God, in your great love, you pursue us, inviting us into your family to share in the work of your kingdom. Grant us the grace to hear your call over the din of the world around us. And strengthen us, that we might persist in hope to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with Christ in the way that leads to life. Amen.		
*Gloria Patri		UMH #71
*Passing of the Peace		
Scripture Lesson	Exodus 22:21-27 (NRSV)	page 66 (OT)
Joys & Concerns		
Call to Prayer	<i>Alleluia</i>	UMH #186
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
*Doxology		
*Offertory Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Because He Lives</i>	Chancel Choir
Sermon Scripture	Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)	page 76 (NT)
Sermon	Pastor John Michael McAllister	
*Hymn of Response	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	UMH #451
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Because He Lives (refrain)</i>	Chancel Choir
*Postlude		

Prayers and Condolences

Bill and Valerie Mountcastle in the death of his sister, Mabel Mountcastle Gay, who lived in Virginia.

To the family of Carol Barbera, who passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 8th. <https://www.coxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituary/Carol-Barbera>

Please keep the Moler family in your prayers in the death of Yesaya Moler. <https://www.bolesfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Yesaya-Moler>

Susanna Wesley Circle Salad Social

It is hard to believe May has arrived and thus the end of our circle year. We will celebrate our accomplishments with a Salad Social (Monday, May 19th @ 6pm). The theme this year will be "Under Construction."

After our meal, we will vote on our end-of-year donations, have a short devotion, and activity. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Guests are welcome!

Senior Adult Fellowship

The Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon will be held at 11:30, May 21st at Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd., Southern Pines.

Dr. Karen Sullivan will be our guest speaker. Please contact Vivian Ratliff for details.

Volunteer Opportunity: Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build

The HfH Apostles Build began on April 25 and will run until June 8. Volunteers from area churches come together to help build a home for a family. The current home is being built in the Addor community just south of Pinebluff off Rt.1. Most churches have designated days (Thursday - Saturday) with work hours from 8am—1pm.

You must register to volunteer by going to the website Habitat of the Sandhills (sandhillshabitat.org). Find the blue VOLUNTEER button at top right of the page. Next the Get Started button will allow you to set up an account. by providing your contact information. Once you have registered you can go to HUB where you will see the scheduling calendar to pick your day to work. If you have trouble getting registered, please call Bob Howell 910-528-0541 or email him at bobhowell2@gmail.com.

GriefShare: Loss of Spouse

A one-time 2 hour seminar, "Loss of a Spouse" GriefShare seminar will be held on Thursday, May 22 from 5:30-7:30pm in Reeves Hall #5.

This is a seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle the loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

GriefShare Summer—2025

A complete 13 week session of GriefShare will meet at Southern Pines United Methodist Church on Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm from June 5-August 28th. This session is for the loss of any human loved one—spouse, child, parents, sibling, other relative, close friend, etc. This 13 week session includes a 30 minute video of insights from grief recovery experts, group discussion, and a personal participants guide for \$20. You will meet others who understand what you're going through. You will receive comfort and support, and you will learn practical tips for navigating your grief. Please contact Bill or Doris Russell (910-690-5234 or 910-690-1511) for questions or to register.

Summer Choir—2025

Beginning June 8th through August the summer choir will meet in the choir loft at 10am to rehearse the introit and anthem. Contact the choir director, Taylor Hickey for detailed information: thickey@sopinesumc.org

Altar Flowers

To make arrangements for flowers for the sanctuary, please contact Mikey Delle. Flower arrangements will be made in glass vases which are easier to transport and more suitable for home display. Please pick them up after the 11:00 service or on Monday in the church office. The **cost is \$65**, payable to SPUMC (altar flowers on memo line).

2025 Year-to-Date Contributions and Expenditures (thru APR 30)

Operating Contributions YTD	\$193,032
Operating Expenditures YTD	\$201,817

Thank you for your continued support of the Southern Pines United Methodist Church and its ministry.

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 and click "Give" at the top of the page to get started. **Text Your Offering:** 910-390-1703 (These donations will go to the operating budget.) If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Aubrey: Shelliesnc@gmail.com.

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

Pastor's Discretionary Assistance

We provide service to the community each Wednesday from the church office. By assisting with rent, utilities, K-1 vouchers and sometimes the purchase of non-narcotic medication (insulin, for example), the Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to assist those who may be experiencing a financial emergency. Funds to support this ministry are collected through the year and specifically collected on Communion Sundays. Thank you for your generosity for those in need.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Nancy Smith by Jim and Shirley McCaskill, Arthur and Marlene Hines, Frank and Lynne Thigpen, Rex Thompson, Lewis and Susan Cooper, Dan and Sara Jane Pate, Tony and Sarah Prestipino, Alvin and Vivian Ratliff, Bob and P.J. Van Laningham, Gwen Funderburk, Kent and Sandra Smith, Mikey Delle, and Ken and Sherry Driscoll

SPUMC ZOE Camps - 2025


As you start planning summer activities please consider the ZOE SEAM Camps at Southern Pines UMC. Camps are coordinated by Ellen Wilken.

Four camps are available:

Ancient DOT (of the Mediterranean)	June 16-19	\$200
Architecture Studio: small group	June 30-July 3	\$150
Project Design: textiles	July 21-24	\$125
Project Design: wood/recyclables	July 21-24	\$125

Children's Ministry


Two Sunday School classes were added this year — all SPUMC kids are invited to join a class planned just for them at the end of the 9:00am worship service. Class will end at 10:50 so that families who attend the 11:00am service can still do so. Can't wait to see you there! Rachel Rosellini (Rosellini@sopinesumc.org).



Save the Date

VBS-(July 14th-17th)

5:30—7:30pm



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q3EM>

Children's Newsletter

<https://form.jotform.com/251276142941152>

VBS Registration

Potluck Dinner for Elias

To show our love and appreciation for Elias a potluck dinner is being planned for Sunday, June 22 at 5:00pm. Elias has spent tireless hours working with our youth, as associate pastor, and helping with the food pantry.

Please make plans to come and enjoy in this appreciation celebration of Elias and share in thanking him for all he has done at Southern Pines UMC.

We wish him well as he continues his ministry in his new appointment at Swansboro UMC.

In-Person ~ Live Stream ~ Worship Services

7:45 am	Praise Band Practice
9:00 am	Worship Service w/Praise Band
10:05 am	Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service w/Chancel Choir
4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Mon - May 19	Food Pantry, 10-11:30am Susanna Wesley Circle, 6pm (Fellowship Hall) Finance Committee, 7pm
Tue - May 20	Exercise Class w/Gloria Moore, 9:30am Tuesday Communion, 12 noon, Chapel (lower level) Evergreen (AA) Group, 7:30pm
Wed - May 21	Women’s Life Group, 10:30am Senior Adult Fellowship @ Table on the Green
Thu - May 22	Apostle’s Build, 8am-1pm (Thursday thru Saturday) GriefShare: Loss of Spouse, 5:30-7:30pm
Mon - May 26	Girl Scouts Troop #784, RH-5 Church Council <u>will not</u> meet Church Office closed (Memorial Day)

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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Procedure: Mikey Delle (June 9)
Home:
Debra Daubenspeck, Dianne Greene, Ken & Nancy Libertini, Becky McKenzie, David Miller, Teresa Randall, Joe Rasmus, Gale Smith, John Southerland, Katherine Stafford, Kim Stoudenmire & Katie Wilkins
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Doug Burns #236 Nancy Scaggs #234
Gracious Retirement Living: 205 SE Service Rd, So. Pines
Bill Dillon
Penick Village: 500 E. Rhode Island Ave., So. Pines
Betty Dorsett, Marion Evans, Larry & Lynda Newsome
Nancy Peterson-#235, Kay Rhoades-#239 Don (skilled nursing) & Joyce Tickle, Decatur & Betty Richardson, Chuck Kersey and Karla Peabody (Robin Glenn)
Memory Care: Jane MacDougall
Active/Deployed:
2nd LT Wills Burns, CPT Brian Harvey & Pvt. Griffin Natt
Gold Star & Military Families
Missionary:
ZOE Empowerment & UMCOR: Ukraine & Western NC

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 or calling 910-692-3518. You may also fill out the Pastoral Visit or Prayer Request card located on the back of each pew and place it in the collection plate.

For those whose loved ones may be facing a challenge, we are honored to pray for them so they know that they do not have to face their trial or affliction alone. And, we would love to hear about their status.

Medical Transportation
Please contact Norma Morrison to schedule a ride if you are a SPUMC member who may occasionally need transportation to local medical appointments.

Extended Family & Friends
Theodore Harold Bonham
Blake Boothe (nephew of Dottie Boothe)
Glenda Cameron (niece of Gwen Funderburk)
Shep Crumrine (brother of Molly Wilson)
Darryl Danley (Gwen Funderburk)
Georgia Davenport (mother, Francy Thompson)
Phil Davenport (father of Francy Thompson)
Myra Doggett (mother of Michelle Aubrey)
Earehart Family (Nancy Scaggs)
Donnie Funderburk (B I L of Gwen Funderburk)
Barbara Harris (S-I-L Betty Richardson)
Jack Hayes (father of Katie Humber)
Betty Johnston (Mikey Delle)
Claudia Jordan (Dorothy Womack)
Holly Jeffries (sister of Carmen Wondergem)
Jesse Joyce (cousin of Cassie Lehr)
Debbie Darby-Knight
Hannah Lindsey & family (Danny & Martha Borrell)
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)
Carolyn Mawyer (friend of Jeri Crowell)
John McCurdy (Matt Grafenberg)
Mae McGougan
Elana Miller (Kim Stoudenmire)
Joy Mitchener (niece of Sue Harris)
Mark Moore (son of Nancy Manar)
Linda Pace (niece of Gwen Funderburk)
Jackson Powitchko (Jack & Kathy Powitchko)
Ella Rich (Larry & Lynda Newsome)
Jerry Riggins (brother of Katherine Stafford)
Tommy Riggins (brother of Katherine Stafford)
Lauren Salazar (D-I-L of Cassie Lehr)
Robyn Schultz & family (cousin of Gloria Moore)
Teresa Sessoms (friend of Will Holliday)
Miranda Shepherd (Katie Humber)
Ben Sutton (father of Jason Sutton)
Mary Lou Troutman (Dust & Ashes)
Judy Turnage (Barbara Richardson)
Kristin Vernon (Jim & Ruthie Borrell)
Susan Walker
Jean Williams (aunt of Katie Humber)