

(* denotes those who are able to stand)

Children ages birth-4 are invited to go to the nursery during the worship service.

Prelude

*Amazing Love
Good, Good Father*

Welcome & Announcements***Call to Worship*****Song of Praise**

Come Thou Fount

Praise Band

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, in an abundance of love you give us every good gift. Yet so often, we squander our inheritance by chasing fleeting pleasures in distant lands. Forgive us, we pray. Re-kindle in us the memory of your steadfast love, that we might return to you and the merciful compassion of your embrace. Through Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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!

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Glory to God! Amen!

Passing of the Peace*First Reading**

Luke 15:1-10

page 72 (NT)

Children's Moment (afterwards, children 3 years - 5th grade are invited to go to KOW. You may pick your child(ren) up from the playground after the worship service.)

Pastoral Prayer**The Lord's Prayer****Invitation to Offering*****Doxology*****Offertory Prayer****Anthem**

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Chancel Choir

Sermon Scripture

Luke 15:11-32

page 72 (NT)

Sermon

Pastor John Michael McAllister

***Hymn of Response**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH #138

Benediction**Benediction Response**

Freely, Freely

Chancel Choir

Postlude*In-Person ~ Live Stream ~ Worship Services**

8:45 am Praise Band Practice

9:00 am Sunday School (Faith & Fellowship, Ezra room)

10:00 pm Combined Worship Service

4:30 pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

Mon - March 31 Food Pantry, 10am

Tue - April 1 Exercise Class w/Gloria Moore, 9:30am

Church Staff Meeting, 10:30am

Tuesday Communion, 12 noon, Chapel (lower level)

Homeschool Group, RH-5, 3pm

Evergreen (AA) Group, Ezra Room, 7pm

Wed - April 2 Women's Life Group, 10:30am

Thu - April 3 *LPLL Children's Church, sanctuary, 10¹⁵-10⁴⁰am

Mon - April 7 Nurture Committee, Library, 10:30am

Tue - April 8 Stephen Ministry, RH-4, 4pm

Wed - April 9-10 Family Promise (see blurb)

Thu - April 10 *LPLL Easter Program, 6pm

Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall, 5-9:30pm

Sun - April 13 Easter Egg Hunt, SPUMC Field, 10:15am

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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Today's flowers are given to the glory of God

In honor of my family and their love and support. —Robyn Dadig

Easter Egg Hunt

We are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday for our children and need help filling Easter Eggs. Bags of empty eggs can be collected in the narthex after church on Sundays. Please grab a bag and fill those eggs! If you have extra eggs looking for a home, feel free to fill those up too. We will be collecting filled eggs through Friday, April 11th. There will be a basket in the narthex for collecting filled eggs.

Family Promise

We, will again, need hosts for the following dates: Wednesday, April 9th and Thursday, April 10th. If you would like to help prepare a meal or spend the night, please let me know. We appreciate all you do! —Brenda Sharpe

Please join Family Promise at the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens Visitor Center for an Appreciation Reception on Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 5:30pm—7:30pm. RSVP by April 15th to executivedirector@fpofmc.org or call (910) 944-7149.

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.

Tuesdays Noon Communion

Join us each Tuesday 12:00-12:30 pm in the Wesley Chapel for prayer, a short devotional and communion with Pastor John Michael or Pastor Elias.

Susanna Wesley Circle—Chili Luncheon

Our main fundraiser of the year will be our Chili Luncheon on Sunday, March 30, 2025. After the service, we will have eat-in and take-out as we have done in the past. We will serve chili with saltines and a cookie/dessert. A vegetarian, gluten-free option will be available. \$5 per person/serving. Mark your calendars for other upcoming SWC meetings: April 21 @ 7:00PM & May 19 @ 6:00 PM

Senior Adult Fellowship

The Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon will be held at 11:30, Tuesday, April 15th at Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd., Southern Pines. Ellen Wilken will speak about the ZOE Empowerment mission ministry. Please contact Vivian Ratliff for details.

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.

Early registration discounts are available if paid by May 1, 2025 (20%) and June 1, 2025 (10%). Additional credits are also available. Checks or cash made payable to SPUMC with ZOE Camp Activity on the memo line. All profits benefit orphans in Zimbabwe.

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

Trip to Zimbabwe this year is July 9-18. Please see Ellen or JM if interested. All ZOE fees will be covered leaving only air fare costs for each traveler. We have four current groups to visit. This type of travel is not a typical mission trip as the ZOE kids have done the work so want to show & celebrate their new found prosperity. The face to face connection can be magical.



CANS FROM FANS

March 9 – April 6

If you choose to provide food items for the "Cans From Fans," please adhere to the items and sizes as described below:

Green Vegetables (Green Beans, Peas, Mixed Vegetables, etc.) 14½ - 16oz can

Starchy or High Protein Vegetables (Corn, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, etc.) 14½ - 16oz can

Tomato Sauce or a Tomato product (Stewed Tomatoes, Crushed Tomatoes, etc.) 14½ - 16oz can

(Please ensure all items are in cans and not glass.)

If you choose to provide monetary contributions, please note on your check's memo line "Cans From Fans" and school name.

Place it in the collection plates each Sunday. There will also be a secure container for each school or university in the Fellowship Hall at the appropriate table for each.

Home:

Mary Ellen Bender, Stephanie Fraser, Dianne Greene, Lin Heimrick, Ken & Nancy Libertini, Mike McCawley, Becky McKenzie, Joe Rasmus, Gale Smith, Katherine Stafford & John Southerland

Fox Hollow: 190 Fox Hollow Road, Pinehurst, 28374

Nancy Scaggs -#234 Doug Burns #236

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

Quail Haven: 155 Blake Blvd., Pinehurst, 28374

Jean Hicks

Sanford Health & Rehab: 2702 Farrell Rd., Room #401, Sanford, NC 27330

Nancy Smith —#408

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.

We however, must keep our list updated in case someone's name was inadvertently left on the list. Next week we will freshen up the list. If you wish to have a name continued or added to the prayer list please contact one of the pastors or a staff member with the information.

Medical Transportation

Please contact Norma Morrison emorrison@ncumc.org or (910-585-0990) 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)

Ashlyn Hall (Sally Thomas)

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

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)

Myrick Salazar (son of Cassie Lehr)

Robyn Schultz & family (cousin of Gloria Moore)

Katelyn Semales (online request)

Miranda Shepherd (Katie Humber)

Ben Sutton (father of Jason Sutton)

Judy Turnage (Barbara Richardson)

Kristin Vernon (Jim & Ruthie Borrell)

Susan Walker

Jean Williams (aunt of Katie Humber)

2025 Year-to-Date Contributions and Expenditures (thru Feb 28)

Operating Contributions YTD \$94,257 Operating Expenditures YTD \$95,972

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.

2025 Lenten Giving Opportunities *(may be given in honor or memory of someone)*

Christian Community Outreach Ministry (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Throughout the year people within our church and community come to our church seeking financial assistance for personal emergencies. Contributions to this fund allows us to meet these requests for rent assistance, electric bills, medications, etc., as deemed necessary.

UMCOR—Western NC—Donations will be used to support on-going work with UMCOR Disaster Relief in Western North Carolina.

Northern Moore Family Resource Center Hope Academy—mission to encourage the development of strong families, healthy children, and caring communities by matching resources with needs in the northern Moore County area.

Sanctuary Flowers/Easter Lilies

Altar flowers are a part of our worship service to glorify God and beautify His house of worship. If you would like to donate flowers, the cost is \$65 per arrangement. Two arrangements are available each Sunday.

Easter lilies (limited supply) are available for purchase. The cost is \$20 for a 6" pot. Questions regarding the purchase of altar flowers or Easter lilies, contact Mikey Delle.

2025 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	April 13	Praise Band	9:00 am
		Easter Egg Hunt	10:15 am (Church Field)
		Chancel Choir	11:00 am
Wednesday	April 16	Service of Healing	7:00 pm
Thursday	April 17	Potluck	6:00 pm
		Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	April 18	Good Friday Tenebrae	7:00 pm
Sunday	April 20	Sunrise Service	7:00 am
		Easter Worship Service	9 & 11:00 am

(bring fresh flowers for the Flowering of the Cross!)

THANK YOU!
Please join Family Promise
for an
**APPRECIATION
RECEPTION**
Thursday, April 24, 2025
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Sandhills Community College
Horticultural Gardens
Ball Visitor Center
Light hors d'oeuvres will be served
RSVP by April 15, 2025 to
executivedirector@fpofmc.org
or call 910-944-7149