

9:00 am	Southern Pines United Methodist Church	5 Oct 2025	11:00 am	Southern Pines United Methodist Church	5 Oct 2025
(*) denotes those who are able to stand			(*) denotes those who are able to stand		
Prelude	“Trust In God” “Goodness of God”		Prelude		
Welcome			Welcome & Announcements		
*Call to Worship			*Introit	“See the Morning Sun Ascending”	Chancel Choir
Come, all who seek truth in a world of many voices, for the living God is not far from any of us—not bound to temples or statues, but present in every culture, and every searching heart.			*Call to Worship		
Come, thinkers and wanderers, doubters and believers, for God has spoken in every age and every place, calling us to turn from lesser things, and to know the Creator who gives breath to all.			*Opening Hymn	“All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1,2,3,5,7	UMH #62
Come, and worship the God who crosses every boundary, who speaks through poets and prophets, who raises the dead, and invites all people to new life.			*Opening Prayer	God of all nations and every searching heart, you are not distant or unknown— you are near, speaking across cultures, inviting all people into life through Christ. Open our minds and hearts today, that we may worship you with clarity, receive your truth, and be shaped by your presence to the glory of your name. Amen.	
*Song of Praise	“Come To The Table”		Gloria Patri		UMH #71
Passing of the Peace			Passing of the Peace		
First Scripture Reading	Isaiah 42:1-9	page 630 (OT)	First Scripture Reading	Isaiah 42:1-9	page 630 (OT)
Children’s Time			Children’s Time		
Call to Prayer	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”		Joys & Concerns		
Joy’s & Concerns			Pastoral Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer			The Lord’s Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer			Invitation to the Offering		
Invitation to the Offering			*Doxology		
*Doxology			*Offertory Prayer		
*Offertory Prayer			Anthem	“Prayer of Communion”	Chancel Choir
Anthem	“It Is Well”		Second Scripture Reading	Acts 17:16-32	page 129 (NT)
Second Scripture Reading	Acts 17:16-32	page 129 (NT)	Sermon		John Michael McAllister
Sermon		John Michael McAllister	Invitation to Communion		
Invitation to Communion			Prayer of Confession		
Prayer of Confession			Words of Assurance		
Words of Assurance			*Great Thanksgiving		
*Great Thanksgiving			Giving Bread/Cup		
Giving Bread/Cup			Prayer after Communion		
Prayer after Communion			*Hymn of Response	“In Christ There is No East or West”	UMH #548
*Song of Response	“Reckless Love of God”	Praise Band	*Benediction		
*Benediction			*Benediction Response	“Go Forth for God”	Chancel Choir
*Postlude			*Postlude		

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by...
Frank and Lynne Thigpen in honor of Rudd Sutton’s birthday.

Prayers and Condolences

Our prayers and condolences to Megan and the family of Donna Dickson. Donna entered Life Triumphant on Thursday, September 18th. A memorial service for Donna will be held in the Southern Pines UMC sanctuary on Saturday, October 11th at noon.

GriefShare’s “Surviving the Holidays”

Southern Pines United Methodist Church will hold a one time, two hour program called, “Surviving the Holidays” on Saturday, October 25th at 9:30-11:30 a.m. This two hour program includes a participant’s guide, a 35 minute video, and a discussion after the video.

The participants will, no doubt, be flooded with memories of happier holiday celebrations that were held, prior to the loved one’s death. The participant’s guide articles and video include real life stories to help participants learn how to reduce stress, minimize loneliness, and navigate the holiday season. There is no charge for this event, but preregistration is preferred so enough books will be available.

Southern Pines United Methodist Church is located at 175 Midland Road. We will meet in the Reeves Hall Building.

For questions or to preregister, please call 910-690-5234 or 910-690-1511 and ask for Bill or Doris, who are facilitating the program.

Experiencing God Bible Study

Hey fellas: Do you want to take your relationship with God to a new level? Beginning *October 15th at 6am* in *Fellowship Hall* a classic Bible study will begin that has helped millions of people to do just that. Newly revised, [Experiencing God](#) will help you understand seven key facts about God that many Christians miss. In learning these, you can open the door to a deeper faith, greater obedience, and profound change in your life. Questions? Email [Bill Pate](#) or [Aaron Landry](#).

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).

Join Us for Sunday School

- 9:15 - 10am Kids Own Worship (PreK-5th), LL
 - 10:00 - 11am Faith & Fellowship (adult), Ezra Room (located in Reeves Hall)
 - 10:15 - 11am The Chosen (adult), RH-4
 - 10:15 - 11am The Antioch (adult), RH-5
 - 10:15 – 11am Kindle (3rd-5th)
 - 10:15 – 11am Spark (PreK-2nd)
 - 10:15 – 11am Ignite (Youth/6-12th), FH
 - 11:15 – 12pm Kids Own Worship (PreK-5th), LL
- **LL (Lower Level)

**RH (Reeves Hall)

**FH (Fellowship Hall)

Children & Youth Ministry

We are so thankful for both the children and youth God has entrusted to our church. Each Sunday from now until October 26th, we will begin to gather for Sunday School with younger children, and youth (6th– 12th grade). These classes are a vital part of our ministry as we help our young people grow in their faith.

To keep all these ministries safe, vibrant, and effective, we need second adult volunteers to serve alongside our teachers and leaders. Having two adults present not only provides a safe environment but models Christian community and gives our kids and teens more support and encouragement. Here’s how you can help: Sign up for one Sundy or multiple Sundays, whatever fits your schedule (Now—Oct 26th).

- *No teaching prep is required, your role is simply to be present, supportive.
- *Volunteers are needed for younger kids, older kids, youth classes, and both of our KOW services.

If you're willing to serve or want to learn more, please reply email us (hwest@sopinesumc.org, rosellini@sopinesumc.org) or sign up via the links below. Thank you for considering this important ministry. Your presence could make all the difference in a child or teen's faith journey. To volunteer to be the second adult for Sunday Sunday or KOW [please click this link](#). To sign up to provide dinner or be an adult guide at youth group, [please click this link](#).

****There’s an urgent need for an adult (female volunteer—age 25 or above) for Pilgrimage.** hwest@sopinesumc.org

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 910-692-3518 or spumc@nc.rr.com. 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.

Medical Transportation

Please contact Norma Morrison emorrison@nccumc.org or (910-585-0990) to schedule a ride if you are a SPUMC member who may occasionally need transportation to local medical appointments.

In SPUMC

Jeannie Daigre, Mikey Delle, Dianne Greene, Sue Harris, Ken & Nancy Libertini, Dan Pate, Teresa Randall, Joe Rasmus, Alvin Ratliff, Robert Reeve, John Southerland, Katie Wilkins & Molly Wilson.

Fox Hollow, 190 Fox Hollow Road, Pinehurst, 28374: Doug Burns #236 Nancy Scaggs #234

Gracious Retirement Living: 205 SE Service Rd, So. Pines: Bill Dillon

Peak Resources Pinelake: 801 Pinehurst Ave., #505, Carthage, 28327: Libby Staples

Penick Village: 500 E. Rhode Island Ave., So. Pines:

Betty Dorsett, Larry & Lynda Newsome, Nancy Peterson-#235, Kay Rhoades-#239, Don (skilled nursing) & Joyce Tickle, Decatur & Betty Richardson, Chuck Kersey and Karla Peabody (mother of Robin Glenn)

St. Joseph of the Pines Ctr.: 103 Gossman Drive, So. Pines, 28387: David Miller—# 215

Extended Family & Friends

Glenda Cameron (niece of Gwen Funderburk), **Myra Doggett** (mother of Michelle Aubrey), **Joe Hiatt & family**, **Virginia Jones** (sister of Sarah Prestipino), **Sue Kesler** (friend of Robyn Dadig) **Louise Miller** (grandmother of Taylor Hickey) **Linda Pace** (niece of Gwen Funderburk), **Jackson Powitchko** (Jack & Kathy Powitchko), **Ella Rich** (granddaughter of Larry & Lynda Newsome), **Jerry Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford), **Tommy Riggins** (brother of Katherine Stafford), **Miranda Shepherd** (Katie Humber), **Ben Sutton** (father of Jason Sutton), **Rich West** (grandfather of Heath West)

We are honored to pray for extended family and friends for four weeks. After the fourth week, and, if someone still needs prayer, please contact the church office so their name may remain on the list. And, we would love to hear about their status.

Antioch Sunday School Class

The newly named ‘Antioch’ Sunday School class began a 6 week Andy Stanley video study on Sunday, September 28th. The name of the study is “Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World. Contact Jim and Ruthie Borrell at borrellje@yahoo.com with any questions.

Sunday School Study: The Chosen

Join us for an 8-week journey through The Chosen Season 1! Hosted by Matt & Susan Harmody. All are welcome! Sundays at 10:15am (Sunday School) in RH-4. See you there! This class began September 28th.

Women's Life Group—Wednesdays 10:30-12:30, Ezra Room

A Women’s Life Group meets regularly at 10:30-12:30 on Wednesday mornings in the Ezra Room. New folks and visitors are welcome. Bring your Bible or Study Bible. We are studying Romans. Questions—contact Mary Ellen Bender, 252-802-0525.

Men’s Group Meeting

The SPUMC Men's Group meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Golden Corral, 10735 US-15-501 in Southern Pines. There’s usually a guest speaker who shares highlights of their spiritual journey. Everyone is invited. For details, contact Doug Harvey (317) 695-1217 or doharv@aol.com.

A Warm WELCOME Is A Gift – Join The Welcome/Greeter Ministry

One of the greatest gifts we can share as a church member is a warm welcome. From the moment someone walks through our doors, their first impression [is formed](#) by a friendly smile and a kind word.

We can offer hospitality by extending a warm smile and greeting, helping newcomers find their way, or answering simple questions and connecting visitors to others.

This ministry does not take a lot of time, but it could make a dramatic difference to someone else. Whether someone is visiting for the first time or has been with us for years, this simple gesture of love can open hearts to God.

If you would like to be part of this Welcome/Greeter ministry, or simply learn more about it, please contact Valerie Mountcastle, valmount@bellsouth.net (843-817-1703). With gratitude, Valerie Mountcastle, Greeter Coordinator

Worship Services ~ In-Person ~ Live Stream

9:00 am	Praise & Worship Service w/Praise Band
10:00 am	Sunday School (all ages—see inside bulletin for class locations)
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service w/Chancel Choir
4:30 pm	Youth Group
5:00 pm	Book Study w/Pastor JM, In-Person (FH) & Zoom
Mon - Oct 6	Food Pantry, 10-11:30am Trustee Committee, 7pm
Tue - Oct 7	Exercise Class, Narthex, 9:30am Outreach Committee, 2pm Communion, Wesley Chapel, 12 noon Evergreen (AA) Group, 7:30pm
Wed - Oct 8	Women’s Life Group, Ezra Room, 10:30am Handbell Practice, 5:30pm Charge Conference, 6pm Chancel Choir, 6:30pm Cantata Choir rehearsals, 7:15-7:45pm
Fri - Oct. 17	Hang out at Red’s Corner Youth Group Lock In
Sat - Oct. 18	Church Beautification & Clean-up Day
Sun - Oct. 19	KOW Sing in church/ Youth Bake Sale for Pilgrimage

Mission Statement: “Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, to others, and to the world.”

- Pastor John Michael McAllister: jmcallister@nccumc.org
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Year-to-Date Contributions and Expenditures thru August 2025

Total Revenue YTD: \$388,878.85
Total Expenses YTD: \$397,205.57

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

Honorariums

- In honor of Lewis Cooper by Frank and Lynne Thigpen
- In honor of Caroline Landry by Frank and Lynne Thigpen

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 in cold months 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.

Feed the Hunger Packathon

Thank you to those who were able to join fellow SoPUMCer’s on Sunday, September 21st as 20,166 meals were packaged to address food insecurity amongst vulnerable school children around the globe. We surpassed the goal of 20,000 meals.