

SHERWOOD FOREST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September
2025

5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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Worship

10:30 am in our sanctuary

Adult Sunday School

Two classes both starting at 9:15 am

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements

The New Beginnings Sunday School Class will start a new study on Jonah, Joel, and Amos from the Life Guide Bible Studies for the summer starting July 6th. Please join us Sunday mornings in the Parlor at 9:15 for lively discussion and fellowship.

The Seekers Class is finishing a video series, "Restored: Finding Redemption In Our Mess" on the second Sunday of September. You can jump in any time -- feel free to join us for the finale sessions. Then, join us on Sept 21 as we begin our new series, "Names of God". Ben's recent sermon, "The Name of God," prodded me to look at this book, though it really focuses more on God's titles and descriptions than the holy name. How do YOU address God in prayer?

Music Ministry Announcements

September brings routine and preparation for the upcoming church calendar year. Sherwood Forest Vocal Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, with another option on Sundays at 9:45 am, both in the Hamilton Davis Chapel.

Our acolyte team is now Mariellen S., Ben F., and Clementine.

The Children's Craft Time, already in place on first and third Sundays, will also allow opportunities for reading scripture and storytelling during worship.

Chime Choir will have another rotation in early November to prepare for the Advent/Christmas season.

Worship is a verb with moving parts. No matter what your gift, you are welcome to participate.

New Membership Sunday, September 14th

SFUMC has grown so much as a congregation in the past year, and we know that God will continue to guide our hearts and minds as we grow together. Are you interested in becoming a member of SFUMC? Please contact Pastor Ben Sloan if you are interested in joining! Our New Membership Sunday is on September 14th at 10:30

Sherwood Forest UMC's Financial Report

	Income	Expenses
July Budget	\$ 20,824.72	\$ 34,878.88*1
July Non-Budget	\$ 220,141.75*2	\$ 1,426.79*3

*1 includes expenses from Church Interiors Audio and Video for the sanctuary upgrades. *(Expenses related to building maintenance and upgrades are reimbursed from our Restricted Building account/s.)*

*2 includes memorial donations, facility use fee, interest earned on all accounts, and the Bolton St regular and extra loan payments.

*3 includes expenses for the Bereavement fund, fellowship events, Free Libraries, Musician Honorariums, Repair Fund and UM Men's Club.

Here are the ending balances for our accounts as of July 31, 2025:

Piedmont Federal Checking	\$ 7,366.83
Piedmont Federal Savings	\$ 200,962.83
Piedmont Federal Restricted Building	\$ 852,481.64
Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing	\$ 35,817.70
Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing CD	\$450,000.00
UM Foundation Conservative	\$ 34,799.37
UM Foundation Development	\$ 70,824.95
UM Foundation Income Restricted Building	\$ 40,937.91
UM Credit Union CD	\$ 107,927.87
UM Credit Union Savings	\$ 36.62

As of July 31, the outstanding balance on the Christ Church Anglican promissory note is \$1,093,593.59. They made additional loan principal payments of \$25,000 and \$178,000 during July.

Sherwood Forest UMC received a Gift in Memory of Ruth Lillie from Mike & Leianne McClung. Gifts in Memory of Ida Holmes were received from Rick Mende, Marilyn Baird, and Murray & Gale Sink. Gifts in Memory of Mary Elizabeth Shough were received from Terry & Lynn Blumenthal, Becky DuBois, Rick Mende, Kenneth & Janice Butner Jr., Jay & Marlena Faircloth, Ella Fawley, Chuck & Kitty Jordan, Roger McCauley, Nancy Porter, Charles & Bobbie Roberts, Michael & Kathleen Sink, John & Jane Stanley, Jerry & Nancy Warren, Jim & Flo Wilhelm, Wood Products of Wilson Inc., Marilyn Baird, Betty Bewley, Elaine Caudle, Taylor Crane, Vernon & Judith Gambill, Charles & Susan Johnson, Michael & Sandee Lawless, Murray & Gale Sink, John & Barbara Wolfe and Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Sandridge Jr. A Gift in Honor of Aaron Shough was given by Chuck and Kitty Jordan. Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church is very appreciative of all of these remembrances!

Sherwood Forest UMC also received \$50 for the Benevolence Fund, \$275 for the Bolton Pantry, \$100 in facility use fees from ESL, \$225 for our July Mission of the Month - Open Arms, and \$139 for the UM Men's Club.

THANK YOU for supporting our adventure for Christ! Please contact Darlene Davis at finance.sherwoodforestumc@gmail.com or 336-765-6590, ext. 4 with any questions or concerns.

Sherwood Forest Ministries & Events

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United Women in Faith

Will meet at 11:00 am on Monday, September 8th in the Fellowship Hall.
Program: Bethlehem Center (Deborah Forest)
Dessert: provided by Nancy Kelly

Third Thursday Fellowship Gathering

In August, we enjoyed the music of Drake Duffer and homemade ice cream to say goodbye to summer. Thank you to Drake and our ice cream makers for a great time! **To kick off the fall, we will attend the Immersive Van Gogh Experience. On September 18, at 10:30, join us for this special opportunity to step into and be surrounded by the art of Vincent Van Gogh.** This is a light and sound experience exhibit featuring two-story projections of the artist's most compelling works. This is a ticketed event and you will need to purchase your own ticket online. Ticket prices are \$29.90 for adults and \$25.90 for Senior or Military visitors. The location is 1612 S. Stratford Road (behind Bojangles in the old JoAnn's location). If you would like to carpool, meet at the church ready to leave at 10. Most people stay at the exhibition about one hour although you may stay as long as you wish. Those who wish can go to lunch together afterward. (If you have trouble with online ticketing, they do have a box office and you can buy tickets at the door. It is recommended that you buy tickets ahead of time in case the session sells out.)

Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Committee will be meeting at 1:30 in the parlor on September 2nd. Fall planning and updates from the recent meeting of the Church Counsel will be discussed. -Lynn Blumenthal



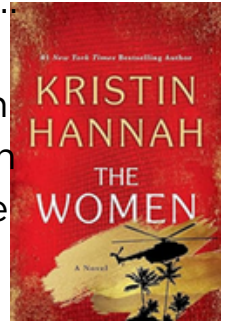
Children's Craft Time

Starting in August, Children's Craft will be on the first and third Sundays of every month at 9:15 am. Join for crafts and fellowship!

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Book Club

Our next meeting will be September 14th, at 4:30 pm in the parlor. The book being read is *The Women* by Kristen Hannah. It is not available at the local library, but can be purchased used or new on Amazon. The book is 464 pages long and is about a young woman working as a nurse during the Vietnam War. It has been called one of the best books written in 2024.



Come join us discuss this book. We read books suggested by our members which have varied from serious reading to novels to mysteries to historical fiction. Light snacks are provided by different members and newcomers are welcome. -Lynn Blumenthal

Prayer Team

In Colossians 4:2, we are instructed to “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful”. From week to week, Sherwood Forest’s Prayer Team continues to pray faithfully for the needs of its members, their families and friends, their community, and the world.

As the Prayers of the People are done during worship, you are asked to lift up the first name of a person or a need to be prayed for during the week. There are prayer request cards in the pew holders. We ask that you fill one of these out with a full name and your request or need. By doing this, you give the members of the Prayer Team the ability to pray more precisely for each person or situation. The prayer request card has three choices of who you want to have the information. If you only want Pastor Ben to have the request, mark “For the Pastor Only.” If you want the additional information you provide to remain within the prayer team, mark For the Prayer Team. All information provided this way is not published and is kept confidential by the members of the team. If you mark For the Congregation, the name or need will be sent out on the weekly prayer list and available when you get your bulletin on Sundays.

Once completed, the prayer request cards can be placed in the offering plate before or after the worship service. You can also give the request card(s) to Joni Howell, the Prayer Team leader. If, you have any additional prayer needs during the week, you can text Joni 407-222-7409 or send an email to Ocala58@att.net .

A Welcome Statement to Sherwood Forest UMC

Our mission declares that "Sherwood Forest UMC is committed to loving and serving all people in the name of Jesus Christ." However, anyone who has ever felt a church's cold shoulder may wonder whether "all people" includes THEM. We are want to fashion a warm welcome statement for our website and our church. It should assure the reader that they are genuinely welcome at Sherwood Forest UMC, whoever they are and whatever they look like. Are you willing to help write a statement like that? If so, please contact Kathy Lisle.

Mission of the Month for September: Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry

For more than 45 years, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry has worked with volunteers from churches across our community to share Christ's love and compassion as a path to new life with thousands of men and women at the downtown Forsyth County Detention Center (Jail) and the Forsyth Correctional Center (Prison) off Cherry Street.

Through FJPM, prisoners have the opportunity to worship and attend Bible studies every week which are led by chaplains and volunteers from churches of various denominations. This gives inmates opportunities to grow in their knowledge of God and His love. In addition to worship and Bible studies every week, the Cherry Street prison also provides literacy programs, a transition to work program, and an inmate choir.

They hold volunteer trainings for those who would like to volunteer in any of these programs. They also need folks to pray for the inmates, collect hygiene items and hire ex-offenders to work in their businesses.

During September, Sherwood Forest UMC will be collecting Ramen noodle cups which will be given to prisoners at Christmas time in bags with hygiene items, socks, and other needed items. The noodle cups are a special treat to enjoy during the winter. Please bring your donations of individual noodle cups and place them in the box outside the sanctuary during the month of September.

If you would like to learn more, FJPM is holding a breakfast fundraiser on October 29 at the Benton Convention Center. Contact Holly Kessler at holly@forsythjpm.org by September 30 if you would like to attend this fundraiser.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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ESL (English as a Second Language)

Volunteers to help with the YMCA ESL program housed at our church as a tutor to an adult learning English. Training is provided. Contact Angelica Leonides, YMCA Literacy Director, at 336-245-7224 x6508. ESL officially starts back up at SFUMC on September 9th and meets from 9 am to 12 pm.

Open Arms Community

Volunteers are needed for tutoring (k-2) and Kids Club (3-5) on Mondays and tutoring for teens on Thursdays. We will also be providing a meal for the children on Monday once a month. We need help cooking and also taking the food to Open Arms and serving it to the children once a month. See Lynn Blumenthal if you would like to help with any of these projects.

Bolton Food Pantry (1210 Bolton St)

Pantry Set- Up on September 9th and 23rd;

Pantry Pick-Up on September 10th and 24th

Contact Beth Fields to volunteer (bethfields@aol.com)

The Bolton Food Pantry is in need of additional volunteers. ***They especially need diapers sizes 3-6 and wipes as well as empty egg cartons at this time.*** You can place your donations in the bin under the table outside the kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering, see Peg Price.

Sherwood Forest Blessing Box

Join the team to steward our new Blessing Box near the corner of Peace Haven and Robinhood Roads. Take donated items to put in the box and occasionally purchase needed items with donated funds. Also, keep the church informed if more donations are needed. If interested, see a member of the Outreach Committee to volunteer. Thank you to Murray Sink and Ed Kennedy for building the box and Lynn Blumenthal for painting it.

What is a Blessing Box? A Blessing Box is a small, publicly accessible pantry which is stocked with non-perishable food items and basic necessities, allowing people to take what they need and leave what they can. It is an easily accessible way to support those facing food insecurity. Here at Sherwood Forest UMC we want to support those in need in our own neighborhood.

Thank you!

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Mission of the Month- A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who helped at the Crossnore Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner in August. It was a great event to honor foster parents and our contribution of Mission of the Month funds and volunteers were greatly appreciated.

Open Arms Community- Members of Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church — The families, staff and volunteers at Open Arms want to thank you for your very successful Backpack drive. We had plenty of backpacks to hand out to families on August the 10th.

We started our school year on August 25th this year. Younger students will meet on Monday nights this year, older students for tutoring will meet on Thursday night and Youth group will meet on Saturdays.

We recently organized our library thanks to the help of some very dedicated volunteers from Mount Tabor UMC and Sherwood Forest UMC. The library looks wonderful now. Come by and see it!

Lynn Blumenthal

Community Events

- Carolina Painters Guild Art Show and Sale benefiting Samaritan Ministries will be held on Friday, September 18 from noon-8 pm at the Barn at Reynolda.
- Sam and Eggs Breakfast Fundraiser benefiting Samaritan Ministries will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 at the Benton Convention Center.
- Piedmont Wind Symphony—Pops Series. Free concert Aug. 31, 6pm, at Incendiary Brewing downtown or September 6, 6pm, at Incendiary Brewing Lewisville. Bring your chairs and enjoy one of these family friendly events.
- International Village Food and Music Festival on September 6 from 11-5 at Winston Square Park.
- Hispanic League FIESTA! Saturday, September 20 in downtown Winston-Salem.
- Apple Festival at Bethabara Park on September 27 from 10-4.
- Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors September 27 downtown. Visit the Bookmarks website for a list of events and authors.



Hello Yadkin Valley Clergy and Laity,

There will be an Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti as the Yadkin Valley District Superintendent on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Tabor UMC in Winston-Salem. Everyone is invited

to attend the service and the reception following. Clergy are asked to gather at 2:45 to process into the sanctuary and are asked to wear robes. Ordained clergy should wear red stoles.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate Rev. Dr. Conforti's leadership among us and the shared ministry of the Yadkin Valley District.

Grace and Peace,

Yadkin Valley Presiding Elders:

Pam Blackstock

Lori Anne Bowen

Lanny Lancaster

Danny Miller

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Church Contacts Current Emails and Times in Office

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Scripture for Worship

9/7: Romans 12:3-8

9/14: Jeremiah 18:1-11

9/21: Guest preacher,
Anne-Tillery Melson

9/28: Luke 16:1-13

Scripture for Homestead Hills Bible Study (Thurs at 3 pm)

9/4: Luke 12:22-56

9/11: Jeremiah 18:1-11

9/18: Luke 16:19-31

9/25: Jeremiah 32:1-15

September 2025 Sherwood Forest Ministry Schedules

Music Ministry

SFUMC Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5 pm

Sunday Sing at 9:45 am

Joy Singers Monday, September 15th at 12:45 pm (Sedge Garden UMC in Kernersville)

Hospitality Meeting Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:30 pm

Children's Craft Time Sunday, September 7th and 21st at 9:15 am

Chicken BBQ Meeting Sunday, September 7th at 11:30 am

United Women in Faith September 8th at 11 am

Outreach Committee September 9th at 10:30 am

Community Dinner September 10th at 6 pm

New Membership Sunday, September 14th

Book Club Sunday, September 14th at 4:30 pm in Parlor

Joy Singers Monday, September 15th at 12:45 (Sedge Garden UMC in Kernersville)

Y.A.R.N. Ministry September 17th at 1 pm

Third Thursday Fellowship Gathering Thursday, September 18th at 10:30 am
(immersive Van Gogh experience)

Playground Cleanup Day Saturday, September 20th at 9 am

Leadership Council Meeting Sunday, September 21st at 1 pm

Newlsetter Deadline Tuesday, September 23rd at 5 pm

United Methodist Men Sunday, September 28th at 8 am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
	1	2 Hospitality Meeting 1:30p	3 SF Vocal Choir Rehearsal 5p	4 Homestead Hills Bible Study 3p	5	6
7 Children's Craft Time 9:15 am Adult Sunday School Classes 9:15a Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship 10:30 am GIFT Ministry 11:30a Chicken BBQ Meeting at 11:30a	8 United Women in Faith 11 am	9 Outreach Committee 10:30 am	10 SF Vocal Choir Rehearsal 5p Community Dinner at 6p	11 Homestead Hills Bible Study 3p	12	13
14 (New Member Sunday!) Adult Sunday School Classes 9:15 am Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship 10:30 am GIFT Ministry 11:30a Book Club 4:30p	15 Joy Singers 12:45pm (Sedge Garden UMC in Kernersville)	16	17 Y.A.R.N. Ministry at 1 pm SF Vocal Choir Rehearsal 5p	18 Third Thursday Fellowship Gathering at 10:30 am (immersive Van Gogh experience) Homestead Hills Bible Study 3p	19	20 Play-ground Cleanup 9a
21 Children's Craft Time 9:15 am Adult Sunday School Classes 9:15 am Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship 10:30 am GIFT Ministry 11:30a Leadership Council 1p	22	23 Information for Newsletter due	24 SF Vocal Choir Rehearsal 5p	25 Homestead Hills Bible Study 3p	26	27
28 United Methodist Men at 8 am Adult Sunday School Classes 9:15 am Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship 10:30 am GIFT Ministry 11:30a	29	30				

September 2025 Sherwood Forest Calendar- Facilities Use

September 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Boy Scouts 6-9p	3	4	5	6
7	8 Girl Scouts 6 pm	9 ESL 9-12 Boy Scouts 6-9p	10 ESL 9-12	11 ESL 9-12	12	13
14	15	16 ESL 9-12 Boy Scouts 6-9p	17 ESL 9-12	18 ESL 9-12	19	20
21	22 Girl Scouts 6 pm	23 ESL 9-12 Boy Scouts 6-9p	24 ESL 9-12	25 ESL 9-12	26	27
28	29	30 Boy Scouts 6-9p				