

# SHERWOOD FOREST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November  
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

## Sherwood Forest UMC's Annual Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ, November 8th!

This annual fundraiser is being held from 11am to 6 pm on November 8th. Half of the proceeds will benefit Hurricane Helene repairs in Western North Carolina, and half will benefit local hunger relief. Our prices are the same as last year. Tickets are available through church members, the church office (336-765-6590, ext. 4) and online ([www.sherwoodforestumc.org](http://www.sherwoodforestumc.org)). Full meals are \$14 (1/2 chicken, slaw, beans, bread and brownie) ; 1/2 chicken only \$9; and three 1/2 chickens for \$25. If you volunteered to make brownies have them by November 6th.

We will be setting up for the BBQ event on Friday, November 7th and working on the day of the BBQ , Saturday, November 8th. Sign up sheets for these are available on the sign up table by the kitchen. If you have questions contact Lynn Blumenthal (336-414-2174) or Kathie Lisle (336-409-1458). -  
Lynn Blumenthal

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## **Music Ministry Announcements**

Advent will be upon us on the final Sunday of November!

Advent Vocal Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the Hamilton Davis Chapel. We have moved the time forward one hour to account for the earlier darkness. If you choose to sing for the season, you would be making a commitment through Sunday, December 14th for Music and Spoken Word worship.

Advent Chime Choir will have seasonal rehearsals and play for worship on Sunday, December 7th. This is another opportunity to be in leadership for this Holy Season. The music for chime positions will be distributed on Sunday, November 2nd in the chime loft directly following worship. You can choose to ring one or two chimes. Rehearsals begin on November 9th in the sanctuary following morning worship and continue through Sunday, December 7th.

Sing and Ring for joy to celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child!

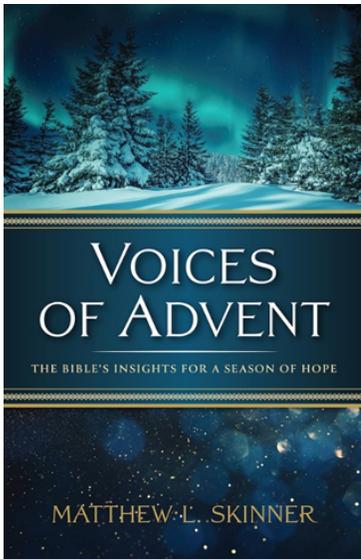
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## **Faith Formation Ministry Announcements**

The Seekers and New Beginnings Sunday School classes will combine again this Advent season for a church-wide Bible study. Everyone is invited to participate.

### **Voices of Advent**

The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope



In *Voices of Advent*, Matthew L. Skinner leads participants through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. We listen as Jesus promises to return to us in the future, to John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the Messiah, to the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus's birth, and to the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns. Listen carefully to the Bible's various perspectives that shape our preparations for Christmas; you'll hear hope in all of them. *Voices of Advent* helps everyone experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus.

This four-week video-based study starts November 30th at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Participant books, while not required, may be purchased directly from [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) or your favorite retailer. If you need assistance purchasing a copy, let Pastor Ben know.

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## Life Line Screening

### Life Line Screening coming Dec. 1

Life Line will be providing the following screenings on Monday, December 1, 2025 at Sherwood Forest UMC: Carotid Artery disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Peripheral Artery Disease and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. All will be provided for \$129 each. If you are interested please schedule your appointment at 800-324-9458.

## Book Club

Our next meeting will be December 7th at 4 p.m. in the parlor. The book being is **Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi. The book can be purchased on Amazon in paperback versions for under \$20. It may also be available at the local library .

Come join us to discuss this book! We read books suggested by our members that have varied from serious reading to novels to mysteries to historical fiction. Our next meeting for this club will be in early January. - Lynn Blumenthal



# Sherwood Forest Ministries & Events November 2025

## United Women in Faith

Will meet on Monday, 11/10/25, at 11:00 am in Room 3.

Program: Planning for 2026; 2025 Review.

Dessert: Provided by Ellen Seaback.

## Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Committee will be meeting in the parlor at 3:00 on November 12th. Plans for the November Blood Drive Help(11/19)and Community Thanksgiving Service(11/23)will be discussed. Also more plans for December, such as Cozy Bundle help and the Community Christmas Gathering with other neighborhood churches, and other topics will be discussed. - Lynn Blumenthal



## Third Thursday Fellowship Gathering

Our November Third Thursday Event will be on November 20 in the fellowship hall from 11:30-1. We will be making Thanksgiving/Fall decorations for your home or to share with someone else. Supplies will be provided but you need to sign up so we know how many supplies to get. If you have any greenery, berries on stems, small pine cones or other natural elements growing in your yard that would look good in an arrangement, bring them along with a pair of clippers if you have them. We have also invited the Wake Forest Wesley students to join us that day.

In October we toured the campus of Crossnore Communities for Children. We learned about their programs and saw the campus. In addition to the residential programs and the new charter school on campus, we were interested to learn about a ropes course which the community can sign up to do, a nature trail that connects Reynolda Rd. to Gillete Street which is open to all, and a disc golf course that is also open to the community on campus. The campus also provides space for a garden for the Second Harvest Food Bank where volunteers grow vegetables for the food bank.

## Finance Announcements

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Sherwood Forest UMC's Financial Report

Income    Expenses

September Budget \$ 29,391.05 \$ 37,723.09\* 1

September Non-Budget \$ 40,433.64 \*2 \$ 423.96 \*3

\*1 includes expenses from Miller Tree Service for removal of several trees and from the addition of handicapped parking in the back lot. (Expenses related to building maintenance and upgrades are reimbursed from our Restricted Building account/s.)

\*2 includes memorial donations, interest earned on all accounts, and the Bolton Street Sale regular and extra loan payments.

\*3 includes expenses for the BBQ fundraiser, Benevolence fund, Missions/Outreach and the Repair/Facility Trust Fund.

Here are the ending balances for our accounts as of September 30, 2025:

Piedmont Federal Checking \$ 10,882.00

Piedmont Federal Savings \$201,130.83

Piedmont Federal Restricted Building \$917,051.45

Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing \$ 35,832.67

Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing CD \$450,000.00

UM Foundation Conservative \$ 35,876.77

UM Foundation Development \$ 71,551.40

UM Foundation Income Restricted Building \$ 41,232.14

UM Credit Union CD \$ 108,681.33

UM Credit Union Savings \$ 36.62

As of September 30, the outstanding balance on the Christ Church Anglican promissory note is \$1,047,749.16. They made an additional loan principal payment of \$25,000 in September.

Sherwood Forest UMC received a number of remembrances during August and September. A Gift in Memory of Ida Holmes was received from Betty Bewley. Gifts in Memory of Mary Elizabeth Shough were received from Bob and Virginia Diseker, Richard and Susan Gossman, Carol Willis, AJ and Nancy Carr, Samuel and Laura George, Jr, and Susan Janney. Gifts in Memory of SGM(R) Charles M. McClung were received from Jim and Flo Wilhelm, Elaine and Chris Snapp and Steve and Nancy Kelly. A Gift in Memory of Mark Swaringen's 80th birthday was received from Joan Swaringen. Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church is very appreciative of all of these remembrances!

Sherwood Forest UMC received \$150 for the Benevolence Fund, \$250 for the Bolton Pantry, \$1,900 in facility use fees from ESL and SPARK, \$180.25 from our September Fellowship meal, \$150 for our Memorial Garden, \$225 for our August Mission of the Month - Crossnore, \$85 for our September Mission of the Month - Forsyth Prison Ministry, \$50 for the Cross and Key Ministry, \$125 for the Helene Anniversary, \$5,954.14 for the first half of 2025 Sales Tax refund, \$140.04 from Equitable Insurance refund, and \$3.50 for the Upper Rooms during August and September.

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

Darlene Davis

## **Mission of the Month for November: Wake Forest Wesley Foundation**

This month we look forward to welcoming Reverend Haley Givens and Wake Forest students who will join us for worship on November 16. Following worship you are invited to join us in the kitchen as we cook a meal for Triad Restorative Justice with the students. The students are also invited to join us at our November Third Thursday Fellowship event.

Our October Mission of the Month was Family Services. We learned a lot about their programs from Gloria Hoover who spoke at our October Community meal. Thank you to those who donated gift cards for the Domestic Abuse Shelter and those who volunteered at the Headstart Family Fall Festival. It was a lot of fun seeing all of the children in their costumes!

## **Spark Cozy Bundles Project**

Cozy Bundles is a project of Spark's that gives children in the community a pair of pajamas, a blanket, some books, and a pair of socks during the Christmas season. They provide this for children from birth to age 18. The Cozy Bundles event will be held on December 6 from 1-3 pm. You can help by donating new or gently used pajamas and blankets. There will be a collection location in the hallway at the church. Volunteers are also needed at the event. Please sign up to help. The most needed sizes of pajamas are from child size 10 up through adult sizes for the teens, both boys and girls.

## **Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign**

November is Penny Campaign month for Samaritan Ministries. Samaritan provides a night shelter for men and a soup kitchen open to anyone in the community, as well as other services for their guests. They operate 365 days a year. If you have any spare change (or dollars) drop them in the Penny Campaign jar in the sanctuary. The drop off day for the Penny Campaign is December 6.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities November 2025

### **WXII Holiday Blood Drive**

On Wednesday, November 19 from 9-6, the Red Cross will be at Sherwood Forest UMC for the WXII Holiday Blood Drive. We need your help to make the blood drive a success. If you are able to, give the gift of life by donating. You can make an appointment online or by phone to the Red Cross. You can also volunteer at the event. We need church members to staff the snack area and to direct people around the building. We also need Sherwood Forest bakers to make snacks for the donors to eat after they donate. Please help where you can. Sign up at the information table. This is a wonderful opportunity to show Sherwood Forest hospitality to the community!

### **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 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 November 10th and 24th;

Pantry Pick-Up on November 11th and 25th

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.

**Thank you!**

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A big thank you to everyone who helped cook meals for the children at Open Arms Community and the group from Concordia College who were spending their fall break volunteering at Habitat for Humanity. We will be cooking for Open Arms again in the new year so we will look for your help again! We are providing the meal once a month at Open Arms Community.

Also, thank you to those who donated candy and trinkets for the Halloween treat bags we gave to the Wake Forest Wesley Foundation, Open Arms Community, the Family Services Shelter, the Peace Haven After School Program, the ESL children, and our homebound members. And thanks to everyone who helped us fill the bags. We brought smiles to many folks throughout the community with this gift.

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## Church Contacts Current Emails and Times in Office

**Office Number: 336-765-6590 (extensions below)**

**Hours: Monday-Thursday 10-5 pm**

**(please call to confirm if you need a visit or an appt)**

### **Pastor Ben**

Pastor Ben's cell # 704-214-9835 Email [bsloan@wnccumc.net](mailto:bsloan@wnccumc.net) ext. 2

**Mondays-Thursdays 10 am-5 pm; Sabbath will be observed on Fridays**

### **Darlene Davis:**

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Darlene's in-office hours:

**Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-2 pm**

### **Isaiah Smith:**

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[office@sherwoodforestumc.org](mailto:office@sherwoodforestumc.org) ext. 3

**Isaiah's in-office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2pm**

## Scripture for Worship

11/2: 2 Peter 3:8-15

11/9: Philippians 2:5-11, 1 Samuel 2

11/16: Matthew 22:34-40

11/23: Jeremiah 32:1-15

11/30: Matthew 25:1-13

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

11/6: Psalm 1

11/13: Luke 19:1-10

11/20: Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
(Reynolds)

11/27: off (Thanksgiving)

## November 2025 Sherwood Forest Ministry Schedules

### **Music Ministry**

Advent Vocal Choir Rehearsals will start at 4 pm on Wednesdays beginning November 5<sup>th</sup> (Hamilton Davis Chapel)

SFUMC Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5 pm

Sunday Sing at 9:45 am

Joy Singers Rehearsal Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

**Hospitality Meeting** Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

**Children's Craft Time** Sundays November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am

**Community Dinner** Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (to learn more about Family Services and domestic abuse awareness)

**Book Club** Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm (reading *Theo of Golden*)

**United Women in Faith** Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

**Outreach Committee** Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

**Y.A.R.N. Ministry** Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

**Third Thursday Fellowship Gathering** Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am  
(in the fellowship hall)

**Leadership Council Meeting** Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

**Newsletter Deadline** Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**United Methodist Men** Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 am

# November 2025 Sherwood Forest Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>Children's Craft Time</b> <b>9:15a</b> <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:15a</b> <b>Sunday Sing at 9:45a</b> <b>Worship at 10:30a</b> <b>GIFT Ministry at 11:30a</b> <b>Children's Song Group</b> <b>11:30a</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Advent Vocal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>at 4pm</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Homestead Hills</b> <b>Bible Study at</b> <b>3p</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Port-A-</b> <b>Pit</b> <b>Chicken</b> <b>BBQ</b> <b>11am-</b> <b>6pm</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:15a</b> <b>Sunday Sing at 9:45a</b> <b>Worship at 10:30a</b> <b>GIFT Ministry at 11:30a</b> <b>Charge Conference</b> <b>11:45a</b>	<b>10</b> <b>United</b> <b>Women</b> <b>in Faith</b> <b>at 11a</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Outreach</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>at 10a</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Hospitality</b> <b>Meeting at 3pm</b>  <b>Advent Vocal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>at 4pm</b>  <b>Community</b> <b>Dinner at 6p</b> <b>(Betty Bewley</b> <b>will lead a</b> <b>program on</b> <b>thankfulness)</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Homestead Hills</b> <b>Bible Study at</b> <b>3p</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Children's Craft Time</b> <b>9:15a</b> <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:15a</b> <b>Sunday Sing at 9:45a</b> <b>Worship at 10:30a</b> <b>GIFT Ministry at 11:30a</b> <b>Leadership Council</b> <b>Meeting at 1p</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Joy</b> <b>Singers</b> <b>Rehearsal</b> <b>at 1p</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Information</b> <b>for the</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>due</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Blood Drive 9</b> <b>am-6 pm</b>  <b>Advent Vocal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>at 4pm</b>  <b>Y.A.R.N.</b> <b>Ministry at 1p</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Third Thursday</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Gathering at</b> <b>11:30a (in the</b> <b>fellowship hall)</b>  <b>Homestead Hills</b> <b>Bible Study at</b> <b>3p</b>  <b>WS Civic</b> <b>Orchestra</b> <b>(Fellowship Hall</b> <b>7 pm-9 pm)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>United Methodist Men</b> <b>8am</b> <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:15a</b> <b>Sunday Sing at 9:45a</b> <b>Worship at 10:30a</b> <b>GIFT Ministry at 11:30a</b> <b>Book Club at 4pm</b> <b>(Book: <i>Theo of Golden</i>)</b> <b>Thanksgiving Service 5p</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:15a</b> <b>Sunday Sing at 9:45a</b> <b>Worship at 10:30a</b> <b>GIFT Ministry at 11:30a</b>						

# November 2025 Sherwood Forest Calendar- Facilities Use

November 2025- Facilities Use and Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 ESL 9-12  <b>District Office (Parlor at 4 pm)</b>  Boy Scouts 6-9pm	5	6 ESL 9-12  <b>District Office (Fellowship Forum at 10 am)</b>	7	8
9	10 Girl Scouts 6 pm	11 ESL 9-12  Boy Scouts 6-9pm	12	13 ESL 9-12	14	15 <b>DAR Luncheon 9am -4 pm (Fellowship Hall and Kitchen)</b>
16	17	18 ESL 9-12  Boy Scouts 6-9pm	19 <b>Blood Drive 9 am-6 pm</b>	20 ESL 9-12  <b>WS Civic Orchestra (Fellowship Hall 7 pm-9 pm)</b>	21	22
23	24 Girl Scouts 6 pm	25 ESL 9-12  Boy Scouts 6-9pm	26	27 ESL 9-12	28	29
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