

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

This is the newsletter for Sherwood Forest UMC!
Here you will find everything you need to know
about what's happening in and around our church.

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336-765-6590.

Information for April's newsletter is due Monday, March 23rd

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTRIES

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Meets on **Monday, 3/9**, 11 am in Fellowship Hall.
Program: Gale S.
Dessert: Becky D.

Practicing Hope (a UWIF course)

Saturday, 3/28, in Fellowship Hall, registration at 9 am.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

The Hospitality Committee will meet in the parlor at 1:30 on **March 3rd**. Any one interested in this committee is invited to attend. We will look at spring activities and ways to welcome others to our community at Sherwood Forest UMC.

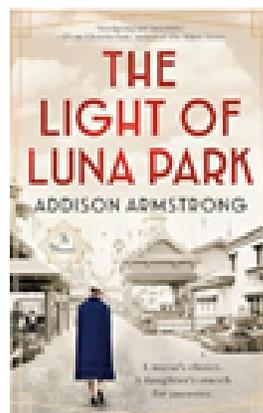
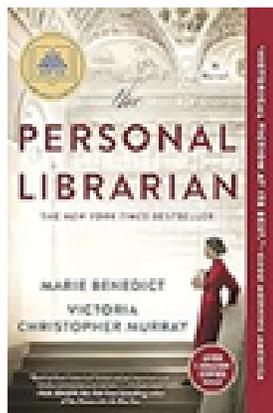
Lynn Blumenthal

BOOK CLUB

For our last meeting in February we played the game of Clue due to the title of the book, *Miss Winter in the Library with the Knife*. After reading the book, Clue had nothing to do with the title other than it was a complicated, "who done it" story, with lots of twists and turns. Our next meeting will be **March 8th** at 4 p.m. in the parlor. The book being read is *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict. It is available in the public library. This book looks at relationships and secrets kept to survive.

For **April 12th**, our book is *The Light of Luna Park*, by Addison Armstrong. This book is about a nurse who chooses to save a baby's life, and risks her own in the process, exploring the ties of motherhood and the little-known history of Coney Island and America's first incubators. A limited number of copies are at the local library but it is also available at Thrift stores and on Amazon. Come join us to discuss a book! We read books, suggested by our members, that vary from serious reading to novels, mysteries, and historical fiction.

Lynn Blumenthal



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WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRIES

Visual Art is now an addition to ministry at SFUMC! Notice the updated classroom entrance hall which will become a gallery space once picture molding is hung. It becomes another avenue for artistic expression and can be invitational for new student and adult artists to check out SFUMC.

Lenten Chime Choir begins rehearsing on **Sunday, March 8th** following worship in the sanctuary. We'll play for Palm **Sunday, March 29th**. Vocal Choir has two new members - Nancy Flowers and Judy Greene who both sing soprano. All are welcome to be a part. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 4:00 pm and Sundays at 9:45 am.

SCRIPTURES

FOR WORSHIP

March 1st - Genesis 12:1-4
March 8th - John 4:5-15 (39-42)
March 15th - Philippians 2:5-11
March 22nd - Ezekiel 37:1-14
March 29th - Matthew 21:1-11

FOR HOMESTEAD HILLS BIBLE STUDY

March 5th - Genesis 6 & 7
March 12th - Genesis 8 & 9
March 19th - Genesis 11:1-9
March 26th - Genesis 12

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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 **March 9th** and **March 10th**

Pantry Pick-Up on **March 23rd** and **March 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

UMAR

Our March Mission of the Month is UMAR. Here in Winston-Salem we have three UMAR homes for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. We are happy to have the ladies join us often on Sunday mornings for worship. If you wish to make a donation to support our UMAR homes, you can do that through the church by designating your gift for UMAR. For our engagement project, we will be putting together Easter baskets for the UMAR ladies. You may bring donations for the baskets (12 total) and place them in the bin outside the sanctuary. (We are also collecting candy and small trinkets for the Easter Egg hunt in that bin.)

A big thank you to everyone who supported our February Mission of the Month, Samaritan Ministries. The children collected over \$350 for the Souper Bowl of Caring which was sent to Samaritan Ministries.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SPARK

SPARK is hosting two collegiate spring breaks for Catawba College (Salisbury, NC) and South Dakota State University (Brookings, SD) through Spark'Dwell, SPARK's ministry collaboration with The Dwelling. From **Friday, March 6th** to **Wednesday, March 18th** the church halls and rooms will have young adults sleeping and building community while they serve Winston-Salem through gardening, support of local resource shares, and providing showers to our community's unhoused neighbors. We're so grateful that SFUMC is willing to become home for so many throughout the year as they immerse themselves in short-term service work with SPARK. SPARK welcomes all 5th through 12th graders to experience Good Friday with them this year! Check out: <https://spark-community.org/good-friday-26>. If you have nieces, nephews, grandchildren and children, please reach out to Amber to register them for SPARK's Good Friday experience.

THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us on **Thursday, March 19th** to make some fun Easter crafts. Bring your lunch and we will meet at 11:30 to fellowship together and make Easter crafts. Larry Parks will be our leader and you will be able to make something to take home and something to share with our homebound members. We hope to see you there—this event is open to everyone! Last month we had a really fun time at the Lam Museum of Anthropology. We saw such interesting exhibits from cultures around the world and then enjoyed joining the students as we ate lunch on campus afterward. If you have never visited this museum, we encourage you to check it out. Admission is free!

We are also looking for your input for ideas for future events. Check out the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall to see examples of things we have done previously and let us know what you would like to repeat and new ideas for the future that you have. Remember these events are open to everyone so invite your family and friends to come with you!

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EASTER EGG HUNT AND CELEBRATION

Our Easter Egg hunt will be held on **Wednesday, April 1**. We will have games, crafts, and snacks in addition to the Easter Egg hunt. Thanks to the Women in Faith group who are filling the eggs at their meeting on **March 9th**. **(Please bring your candy and trinkets for the eggs by then!)** Check the information table outside the kitchen for sign up sheets on ways you can help. We will be inviting the children from Open Arms Community and Marvin UMC to join our Sherwood Forest children and others from the community so we will need volunteers to help!

DID YOU KNOW.....?

The Outreach Committee has folks who prepare and serve a meal once a month to the children at Open Arms Community. In addition to regular Sherwood Forest volunteers, we support this ministry of our UM district and conference by providing these regular meals. We have several more months of this school year left. If you would like to help feed the children at Open Arms Community on a Monday evening, see Gale Sink or Lynn Blumenthal. The next meal date is **March 23rd**.

ART SHOW AND SALE

Senior Services is hosting their annual Art Show and Sale to raise money for Meals on Wheels on **Saturday, March 7th**. The sale will be from 10-2 at The Intergenerational Center. Go to see art donated by local artists and make a purchase to support Meals on Wheels.

MARCH COMMUNITY DINNER

Plan to attend the Community dinner on **Wednesday, March 11th** when we will be hosting students from Penn State University and Marywood University who will be in Winston-Salem volunteering with Habitat for Humanity on their Spring Break. Come and help us show these students some Sherwood Forest hospitality. Dinner begins at 6 pm. Please sign up at the information table outside the kitchen so Nancy and her crew know how much food to prepare!

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UPDATES AND REPORTS

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Our District Superintendent, Dr. Marc Conforti, was our special guest at the February Leadership Council meeting. Dr. Conforti wanted to have a mutual conversation about the upcoming proposed appointment of an additional pastor to SFUMC for family ministries and Spanish language ministry. Over a year ago, we collectively determined that this expansion of our ministry opportunities is appropriate for us and our community, and proceeds from the Bolton Street property sale were specifically set aside for this purpose for a five-year period. We anticipate receiving this additional pastoral appointment in July. While the final decision on that process won't be known for another couple of months, we can begin discussions and prepare our hearts and minds to receive new and exciting members to the life of Sherwood Forest UMC. Also, not especially related to any of the above, we want to refresh the carpeting in the sanctuary, and the total decor in the parlor. If you have skills or interest in that sort of thing, please consider joining the ad-hoc group to make that happen. Just let Terry Blumenthal or Pastor Ben know about your interest.

CHURCH AND COOK WITH THE WAKE FOREST WESLEY FOUNDATION

Thanks to everyone who helped with the cooking session with the Wesley students on February 22nd. We had a great group of students and Sherwood Forest members who joined together to prepare and cook a meal for the Winter Shelter at New Story UMC as well as several extra casseroles for the City with Dwellings Casserole Crew. Those casseroles will be shared with folks who are moving into housing after being unhoused.

Also, a big thank you to those Sherwood folks who took and served the meal to the shelter guests at New Story. Our hungry neighbors really enjoyed their dinner!

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BIRTHDAYS

Lori Howell	1 st	Maricela Carillo	25 th
Scott Griset	8 th	Murray Sink	26 th
Jessica Sink Andrade	9 th	Ansley Spencer	26 th
Elizabeth Sloan	9 th	Jackie McGown	28 th
Dawn Brown	10 th	Keith Arnott	29 th
Drake Duffer	10 th	Ryan McClung	29 th
Justin Stewart	10 th	Logan Friddle	31 st
Kelly Davis	12 th	Cassie Taylor	31 st
Mitch Mende	14 th		
Jenny Blackburn	15 th		
Mandi McGown	16 th		
Lee Hutchins	19 th		
Jo Thomas	19 th		
Mary Lib Shough	20 th		
Cathy Winn	24 th		

ANNIVERSARIES

Murray & Gale Sink	13 th
Eric & Lynne Stumpf	20 th
Don & Anne Mumy	30 th

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FINANCE REPORT

Sherwood Forest UMC's Financial Report

	Income	Expenses
January Budget	\$12,629.62	\$39,635.84*1
January Non-Budget	\$44,805.34*2	\$ 9,980.41*3

*1 includes expenses from A.M. Remodeling for the drywall and painting project
(Expenses related to building maintenance and upgrades are reimbursed
from our Restricted Building account/s.)

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

*3 includes expenses paid from the Benevolence fund, for the January fellowship
meal, from the Free Libraries fund and UM Men's Club.

Here are the ending balances for our accounts as of January 31, 2026:

Piedmont Federal Checking - \$11,622.38
Piedmont Federal Savings - \$190,922.14
Piedmont Federal Restricted Building - \$301,362.81
Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing - \$26,857.50
Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing CD - \$450,000.00
Piedmont Federal Savings CD - \$100,000.00
UM Foundation Conservative - \$36,450.52
UM Foundation Development - \$72,285.31
UM Foundation Income Only Restricted Building - \$597,715.49
UM Credit Union CD - \$110,216.65
UM Credit Union Savings - \$36.62
TOTAL of all accounts: \$1,897,469.42

As of January 31, the outstanding balance on the Christ Church Anglican
promissory note is \$899,327.58. They also made an additional loan principal
payment of \$30,000.

Sherwood Forest UMC received a Gift in Memory of Mark Swaringen from Roy
Swaringen, Jr.; a Gift in Honor of Steve and Nancy Kelly for the Benevolence fund
from Donna Cooke; and a Gift in Memory of JoAnn Bodenheimer from Grant and
Carolynn Emrick. Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church is very appreciative
of these gifts!

Sherwood Forest UMC received \$850 for the Benevolence Fund, \$375 for the
Bolton Pantry, \$181 from our January Fellowship meal, \$725 for City with Dwellings
- January's Mission of the Month, \$240 for UM Men, and \$1 for the Upper Rooms
booklets.

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

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRIES

Lenten Choir Rehearsals - *every Wednesdays at 4 pm*
Sunday Sing - *every Sunday at 9:45 am*

HOSPITALITY MEETING

Tuesday, March 3rd at 1:30 pm

CHILDREN'S CRAFT TIME

1st and 3rd Sunday of every month

COMMUNITY DINNER

Wednesday, March 11th at 6 pm

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, March 8th at 4 pm

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Monday, March 9th at 11 am

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10th at 10 am

Y.A.R.N. MINISTRY

Wednesday, March 18th at 1 pm

THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Thursday, March 19th at 11:30 am - *making Easter crafts*

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, March 15th at 1 pm

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men's Breakfast - *Sunday, March 22nd at 8 am*

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CALENDAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Children's Craft Time 9:15a Adult Sunday School 9:15a Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship at 10:30a GIFT Ministry at 11:30a	2	3 Hospitality Meeting at 1:30 pm	4 Lenten Choir Rehearsal at 4 pm	5 Homestead Hills Bible Study at 3p	6	7 Pine Needle Sale
8 Girl Scout Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:15a Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship at 10:30a GIFT Ministry at 11:30a Book Club at 4 pm in the parlor	9 United Women in Faith at 11 am Girl Scouts 6 pm	10 Outreach Committee at 10 am (parlor) Boy Scouts 6-9pm	11 Lenten Choir Rehearsal at 4pm Community Dinner at 6 pm	12 Homestead Hills Bible Study at 3p	13	14
15 Children's Craft Time 9:15a Adult Sunday School 9:15a Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship at 10:30a GIFT Ministry at 11:30a Leadership Council at 1 pm	16 Joy Singers Performance at 1p	17 Boy Scouts 6-9pm	18 Lenten Choir Rehearsal at 4pm Y.A.R.N. Ministry at 1 pm	19 Third Thursday Fellowship Gathering at 11:30a (making Easter crafts) Homestead Hills Bible Study at 3p WS Civic Orchestra (Fellowship Hall 7 pm-9 pm)	20	21
22 Boy Scout Sunday United Methodist Men's Breakfast 8 am Children's Craft Time 9:15a Adult Sunday School 9:15a Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship at 10:30a GIFT Ministry at 11:30a	23 Girl Scouts 6 pm Information for newsletter due	24 Boy Scouts 6-9pm	25 Lenten Choir Rehearsal at 4pm	26 Homestead Hills Bible Study at 3p	27 Yadkin Valley District WIF Set Up	28 Yadkin Valley District WIF Meeting 7:30a-3p
29 Palm Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:15a Sunday Sing at 9:45a Worship at 10:30a GIFT Ministry at 11:30a	30	31				

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9 am-5 pm

CHURCH CONTACT INFO

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