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MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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MUSIC ON THE HILL

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MUSIC ON THE HILL EVENT

MAY 3RD ~ SCOTT PATERSON TRIO ~ JAZZ

MAY 17TH ~ WINSTON-SALEM CIVIC ORCHESTRA

MAY 31ST ~ MIGRANT BIRDS ~ AMERICANA SINGER
SONGWRITER

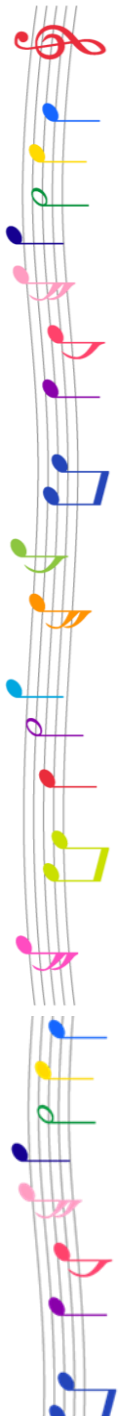
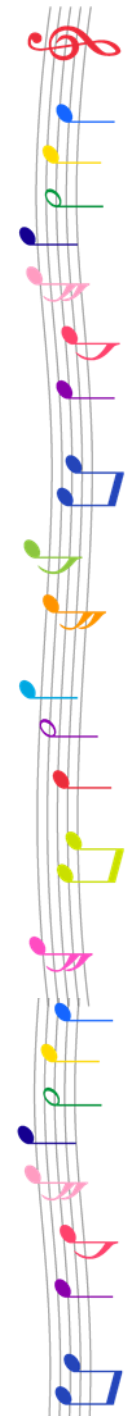
JUNE 14TH ~ CORNERSTONE QUARTET ~ GOSPEL

JUNE 28TH ~ SALEM SWING BAND ~ SWING DANCE

JOIN US EACH EVENING AT 6PM, THERE IS NO

ADMISSION CHARGE. DRINKS AND LIGHT

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.



Life Line Screening Monday, May 4, 2026

For 4 out of 5 people who have a stroke, the first symptom is the stroke. Screening with Life Line Screening offers the benefits of early detection, peace of mind, and cost-effective access to health insights, empowering you to take control of your well-being for a healthier and more fulfilling life.

Life Line Screening Coupons

Life Line Screening has provided two screening coupons for a person who is planning to attend for a procedure that day. These coupons provide a reduction on the total cost of a Stroke/Carotid Artery Plaque Buildup. If you would like one of the coupons, please see Betty Bewley so that you can call and pre-register for your procedure now.



Hope du Jour

Plan to join us on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 for the 36th annual Hope du Jour, where participating food and beverage establishments donate 10% of their proceeds to Crisis Control Ministry, Forsyth County's largest non-profit provider of emergency assistance. Plan to visit participating establishments for breakfast, lunch, dinner and more in a day of feel-good eating to make a difference in our community.



See hopedujour.org for more information. Hospitality and Outreach Committees will meet at 11am at The Sherwood to support Hope du Jour. You are invited to join us!

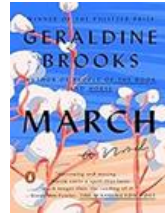
Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee will meet on May 5th in the parlor at 1:30pm. We will be doing some summer planning. Anyone interested in this committee is invited to attend.

Lynn Blumenthal.



Book Club News



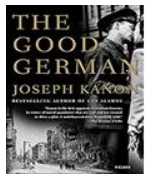
Come join us to discuss a book! We will meet on Thursday, **May 7th at 4pm in the parlor** (we usually meet on the second Sunday of the month, but we changed this for May, due to

Mother's Day). We read books suggested by our members.

Our Book for May is March by Geraldine Brooks. She fashions a tale about the absent father, March, from Little House on the Prairie into an animated character and crafts a story "filled with the ache of love and marriage and with the power of war upon the mind and heart of one unforgettable man" (Sue Monk Kidd).

The book for our meeting on **June 14th** will be The Good German, by Joseph Kannon.

It is a historical fiction book about Berlin in 1945. This book also has been made into a movie.



The book is 496 pages long.

The group has picked books to read for the rest of the summer as well. They are Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt for July and The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Boswick for August.

Lynn Blumenthal



United Women in Faith

Join us for our May meeting on Monday, May 11th at 11am in Room 3. The program will be Zoe Empowers by Ellen Seaback and dessert will be provided by Lynn Blumenthal. All ladies are invited to attend!

Third Thursday Fellowship Event

We had a really fun time meeting the alpacas at Rita Dee's Alpaca Farm in April! If you didn't make it, you missed a great trip!



Our event for May is visiting Second Harvest Food Bank. On May 21 at 12:30, we will meet at Second Harvest Food Bank at 3330 Shorefair Drive for a tour and lunch prepared by Providence Catering. After that, those who wish will have the opportunity to volunteer in the food sorting area from 2-4. Providence is the Culinary Training Program which is part of Second Harvest. By eating lunch there, we are helping support them. Lunch will cost between \$12-\$15. (You will need to preorder your meal by May 10 at the information table.) Second Harvest helps many people and organizations get needed food. Come and see how they work and learn about their programs. You must sign up at the information table so we can get registered and order meals.

Open Arms Assistance in May

Thank you! THANK YOU! Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church for all the meals you have made during this school year for the Monday Tutoring sessions at Open Arms. This monthly commitment has been a true gift.

Our church will be feeding the children on May 11th. If you would like to help with this meal, please let me or Pastor Ben know. Our last day for tutoring will be May 18th from 5pm until about 7pm. If anyone can help that day, we plan to have a Fun Field Day event rain or shine. We will need assistance with having game stations available for our children. We have about 10 -12 children who should attend. Helping with the games would be needed from 5pm until 6:30pm. If you are interested in this event, please sign up for it on the sign-up sheet on the table by the Kitchen.

Lynn Blumenthal

Community Dinner

Please join us for our monthly community meal on Wednesday, May 13th at 6pm. Our meal will consist of Chicken or Beef Cottage Pies with sides and desserts. The cost is \$6 per person. As always, first time guests and children are free. If you would like to join us, please sig up on the sheet in from of the fellowship hall.



Welcome Habitat Volunteers

At our May 13 Fellowship Dinner, we will be joined by a group of teens and their leaders from Urban Promise who will be spending the week volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Please join us in making them feel welcome. This will also be a good time to ask questions about their volunteer experience because our Mission of the Month in June is Habitat for Humanity and we will be participating in the Methodist Build by volunteering on Saturday, June 11. Mark your calendars now!

Girls Night Out!

We had a wonderful turnout for our first Girls Night Out! So much so, we are doing it again! Come join us on Friday, May 22nd at 6pm. We will meet at the Village Tavern located at 221 Reynolda Vlg Wy, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Please sign up near the kitchen by May 20th. We would love to see you there for food, fun and fellowship!

Girls
NIGHT
Out

Worship Arts Ministry



Be certain to be at SFUMC for worship on Sunday, May 3rd! You'll be richly blessed to hear Scott Patterson and his Dad Ron Patterson gifting us with music during the service.



On Sunday, May 10th, violinist Margaret Rehder will accompany the choir on the anthem and play a violin solo for the offertory.

JOY Singers have their final rehearsal of the season on Monday, May 18th at 1:00 pm at SFUMC.



We sang at Sedge Garden UMC, Creekside Terrace and the MLK worship at Mt. Tabor UMC. Two other gigs were cancelled due to inclement weather. Consider being a part for a monthly rehearsal and then singing in the community. Rehearsals begin again in August. As SFUMC begins to partner with organization in visual arts, remember to peruse the gallery hallway for interesting works created by local artists.

Forsyth Backpack Program Orange You Smart



Forsyth Backpack Program helps provide backpack meals and food pantries at schools who do not have partner groups supporting them. We all know that children who are hungry cannot learn up to their potential at school. Forsyth Backpacks tries to fill the gap on weekends for their school partners. Since most of the food provided is shelf stable, Forsyth Backpack Program has started the Orange You Smart program sending fresh fruit home with children from the schools they sponsor. We are going to help with this program at Cook Elementary on May 22 and May 29. Thank you to members of the Sherwood Forest choir who will be preparing the fruit bags for us on the Wednesdays prior to the Friday distribution.



Mission of the Month Crisis Control Ministry

The mission of Crisis Control Ministry is to assist people in crisis to meet essential life needs and to empower them toward greater stability and well-being. They provide food assistance through a client-choice food pantry. They also have a licensed free pharmacy for people who cannot afford their prescription medications. In addition, they provide financial assistance for rent/mortgage, utilities, and heating fuel for people in Forsyth and Stokes counties who are in financial crisis. They also help clients find and access resources and advocacy services. Another part of their program is to educate people about the realities and stresses faced by people living in poverty through several poverty awareness programs. If you would like to participate in one of their poverty awareness programs, check the website for specific information. Crisis Control relies on volunteers to run their programs and on donations (financial or goods). Check out the website for ways you can help.

One of their biggest fundraisers is Hope du Jour. On the first Tuesday in May, participating restaurants give a portion of their proceeds for the day to Crisis Control. This will be our engagement project for Crisis Control so plan to find a participating restaurant and eat there on May 5. What an easy way to help! Be sure and thank the restaurant for participating! If you wish, you can also make a donation through the church office by designating your gift to Crisis Control.



Bolton Food Pantry

The food pantry is up and running at its new location at Trinity Presbyterian, 1416 Bolton Street! Items especially needed at this time are flour, sugar, cooking oil, and masa flour (found on the Hispanic aisle at the grocery store).

You can place your donations in the bin under the table outside the kitchen. Thank you for your continued support. If you are interested in volunteering at the pantry, see Peg Price or Katie Moore.

May is Teacher Appreciation Month

We want to show some love and appreciation to the staff at Carter High School this month by providing them with treat bags. We need some volunteers to bake cookies, brownies, or other treats for the bags. We will fill the bags on May 13 at the fellowship meal. There are about 75 people on staff at Carter High School. Help us show appreciation to these teachers who work so hard at a school with little parental involvement.



Congratulations!

Lynn Blumenthal is the YMCA Literacy program's volunteer-of-the-year! This is a wonderful accomplishment, so please join in congratulating her. Many of our members serve beyond the walls of our church out in our community in similar ways. All of these efforts collectively make a big difference and are ways that we love God by serving our neighbor!

Wanda Patterson was recognized as a Vital Living Volunteer with The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem. Please congratulate Wanda on her accomplishment!



Dear Gale and SFUMC Friends,

Thank you so very much for hosting our group from New Hampshire! They were a terrific group of young people who were happy to work hard. Your expression of kindness and "Southern Hospitality" was very much appreciated by them!

Peace,
Debbie

Dear Gale and SFUMC,

We would like to thank you for providing us with a delicious meal for dinner. After a day of service, it was so nice coming back to a prepared meal. We loved your potluck dishes and getting to know your parishioners!

Thank You,
Your friends from Penn State &
Marywood University

Dear SFUMC,

Thank you so much for providing the use of your facilities for the 2026 Yadkin Valley District Mission Study! We appreciate your willingness to host our event!

Yadkin Valley District
United Women in Faith

	Income	Expenses
March Budget	\$29,897.57	\$23,258.52*1
March Non-Budget	\$43,937.43*2	\$9,621.61*3

*1 includes expenses for our Worker's Compensation insurance, general upgrades to our building and normal utility and office expenses. No major projects were paid in March. *(Expenses related to building maintenance and upgrades are reimbursed from our Restricted Building accounts.)*

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

*3 includes expenses paid from the BBQ fundraiser, the Music on the Hill fund, Repairs/Facility Trust fund and UM Men's fund.

Here are our ending account balances as of March 31, 2026:

Piedmont Federal Checking -	\$34,059.89
Piedmont Federal Savings -	\$241,105.28
Piedmont Federal Restricted Building -	\$379,293.11
Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing -	\$26,868.35
Piedmont Federal Restricted Housing CD -	\$450,000.00
Piedmont Federal Savings CD -	\$100,000.00
UM Foundation Conservative -	\$35,864.43
UM Foundation Development -	\$72,965.10
UM Foundation Income Only Restricted Building -	\$601,414.26
UM Credit Union CD -	\$110,960.78
UM Credit Union Savings -	\$36.62
TOTAL of all accounts:	\$2,052,567.82

As of March 31st, the outstanding balance on the Christ Church Anglican promissory note is \$826,984.02. They made an additional loan principal payment of \$29,000.

Sherwood Forest UMC received a Gift in Memory of Mary Elizabeth Shough for our Memorial Garden from La Rue Sutton. Sherwood Forest United Methodist Church is very appreciative of this gift!

Sherwood Forest UMC received \$50 for Benevolence, \$175 for the Bolton Pantry, \$221 for our March fellowship meal, \$225 for UMAR – March's Mission of the Month, \$117 for UM Men, \$12,258 for the UM Men's Pine Needle Fundraiser, and \$22 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathryn Howell
3 Joan Markey
4 Donna Cooke
7 David Laden*
10 Dianne May
12 Kay Phillips
13 Elaine Stewart
14 Rosalyn Sloan*
15 Ellen Seaback
15 Aaron Shough
16 Matthew Andrade*
17 Anna Grace Howell
17 Scott Howell
22 Mike Nelson
23 Andrew DuBois*
24 Abigail Shoaf*
25 Kent Wagstaff
26 Crystal Vazquez
27 Robert Clark, Jr

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

11 Brandon* & Brittany Morris
12 Ryan* & Lori Howell
12 Brian & Twyla Pardue
18 David* & Carrie Laden
31 Bill & Becky* Hamilton, Jr.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Sarah Blumenthal
3 Bonnie Smith
4 Bill Bishop
4 Kathy Lisle
4 Erin Smith
6 Grace Knott
6 Jessica Knott
10 Marvin Weatherly
13 Beth Campbell
15 Kelsey Winn
17 Rita Waite
18 Danielle Chiasson
18 Abby Kelpin
20 Charo King
21 Tommie Crump, Jr*
23 Joan Cox
24 Paul Weeks
25 Alberto Carrillo
26 Daniel Blumenthal
26 Anne Pruitt
27 Jeff Triplett
29 Carrie Lisle
30 Betty Collins
30 David Holland

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

9 Tom & Becky Dawson
9 James & Judy Newman
13 Mike & Peg Price
16 Steve & Nancy Kelly
21 Keith & Becky Arnott
24 Jason & Rachel Heyman
24 Jim & Jane Ray, Sr.
24 Bucky* & Erin Smith
25 Mike & Kim Smith
27 Mark* & Darlene* Davis
28 Lee* & Beth Campbell
29 Terry & Lynn Blumenthal
29 Paul & Elsy Weeks

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MAY 2025 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Churches Praying on Church Street 5:15 Arrive 5:30 Prayer	2
3 9:15 Sunday School Children's Craft Time 10:30am Worship 6-7pm Music On the Hill	4 Life Line in Fellowship hall	5 Hope du Jour 11am Outreach and Hospitality meet at The Sherwood 1:30am Hospitality Committee Meeting; Parlor	6 4-5pm Choir	7 3pm Homestead Hills Bible Study 4pm Book Club; Parlor	8	9
10 Mother's Day 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Worship	11 11am UWIF Bolton Food Pantry (Setup)	12 Bolton Food Pantry (Pickup)	13 4-5pm Choir 6pm Community Dinner	14 3pm Homestead Hills Bible Study	15	16
17 9:15 Sunday School Children's Craft Time 10:30am Worship 1pm Leadership Council 6-7pm Music On the Hill	18 1pm Joy Singers	19 5:30pm Recital in Sanctuary	20 1pm YARN Ministry 4-5pm Choir	21 11:30-1pm Third Thursday Fellowship 3pm Homestead Hills Bible Study	22 6pm Girls Night Out!	23
24 8am UMM Breakfast West Town Restaurant 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Worship	25 Bolton Food Pantry (Setup)	26 Bolton Food Pantry (Pickup)	27 4-5pm Choir	28	29	30
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