 

***JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER***

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| Sherrill’s Ford Presbyterian Mission Statement  We, the members of Sherrill’s Ford Presbyterian Church, are called by God   * To share the Gospel and bring others to Christ, * To grow spiritually, * To be a loving and supportive family in Christ, * To work to make the world a better place to live. |
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**Pastor’s Pulpit**

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| **SHERRILL’S FORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  **P. O. Box 246, Sherrill’s Ford, NC 28673**  **Phone: (828) 478-2223**  **Church Website:** [**www.sfpchurch.org**](http://www.sfpchurch.org)  **Marcia and Russ Reighley, Pastors Elizabeth Brownell, Music Director**  **Carol Sticco, Clerk of Session Jane Shoemaker, Congregational Care Committee**  **Karen Phillips, Worship Sammy White, Building & Grounds**  **Lisa Hicks, Christian Education Dennis Rumpf, Fellowship**  **Roger Heffner, Mission** |

**Elder of the Spotlight of the Month –**

**Karen Phillips - Worship**

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**Weekly Events**

Monday’s – 9:30am Crafts

Wednesday’s – 7:00pm AA Meeting

-7:00pm Acts Bible Study

Thursday’s – 7:00pm Choir Practice

**Upcoming Events**

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The Real Christmas Story  
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$10 deposit required  
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Tuesday January 5th –

10 am – Presbyterian Woman’s Meeting

Monday January 11th –

3 pm Blood Drive

Sunday January 17th –

4 pm Cantata at Abernathy Laurels

Thursday January 21st –

9:00 am Son Shiners Breakfast

Tuesday February 2nd –

10 am Presbyterian Woman’s Meeting

Saturday February 6th -

Oyster Stew Dinner

Sunday February 7th –

Communion Sunday

Thursday February 19th –

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**We are so proud of all the great work our Western North Carolina Presbytery has accomplished:**

**Project is a ‘DREAAM’ come true for African-American boys at risk**

LOUISVILLE—“Let’s rock the DREAAM House, Rock the DREAAM House.” Those are the words coming from 10 excited five-year-old boys participating in the DREAAM Summer Pre-K Academy. The DREAAM House is a new community-school partnership significantly funded by the [First Presbyterian Church of Champaign](http://www.firstchurchchampaign.org/) and [Southeastern Illinois Presbytery](http://www.psei.net/)

**Music Notes**

The choir presented the Christmas cantata for the community and church during December.  January 17th, we will be sharing our music with the residents at Abernathy Laurels in Newton.  If you missed either performance in December, join us at 4:00 for the service.  If you would like a real blessing, come at 3:15 and assist with transporting the residents to

the Spirit Room for the service. 

If you would like to join us and sing in the Easter cantata - without a commitment to sing on Sundays - we will begin rehearsing on Thursdays at 7:45.  Please let me know as soon as possible so extra books and CDs can be ordered.

"Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!"  Psalm 105:2

**Task Force Committee News**

We are so thankful for all the task force has accomplished. The new audio/visual system is fully operational.

We are currently seeking volunteers that would be interested in operating the new audio/visual equipment. If interested please contact Carol Sticco (828) 217-5616. So that we can arrange a training date.

**Community News**

**Message from the Catawba Council for seniors**

We sincerely hope you had a joyous Christmas holiday!

Beat the winter doldrums and join us for some activities!

 We have several programs that you might want to attend.

 Qualified mental health counselors will be here to present a program on **suicide and aging** at the end of January.

 The Arthritis Foundation sponsors a program about the benefits of **Tai Chi** for both the mind and body.

Come learn more about this!

**Our tax counselors will return the first of February to help you with electronic filing.**

You must have an appointment and our friendly volunteers will be happy to schedule one for you.

We have a new phone number to call beginning Tuesday, January 19th.

Be patient when calling…these nice ladies stay very busy!

**Just want to relax and have some fun?**

We host our annual **Poor Man’s Lunch and Bingo** in mid-January.

How about a**Valentine’s Party** in February with good gospel music?

**Technology your thing**?  Loes Moore will be back to discuss Windows 10 and Tablets.

Our **designer greeting cards** teacher is adding a morning class each month.

Give us a call to get in on making these beautiful cards.

**Get movin and grooving with our exercise, line dance, or yoga classes.**

You’ll probably feel better in the long-run (it’s getting started that the hardest part!).

 We’re working hard to get trips lined up for 2016.

Watch our March/April newsletter for opportunities to travel.

If you are interested in attending any of the programs listed above please call 828-328-2269 for more information.

**Word of Thanks**

We were so thankful and honored to have the Bells of Lake Norman join our Sherrill’s Ford Presbyterian Church choir in presenting an evening of music.



**Past Events**

Thank you Joy Lynn for making our Thanksgiving Table so beautiful.



The Real Christmas Story



The Youth had such a wonderful time shopping for a very special family for Christmas.



Our Youth Christmas Program, special thanks to Kresta Pedicino for making this such a huge success



**Teaching Scriptures for the month of January**

1-3-2016; John 1: 10-18; Grace versus Law; Jesus is

the difference

1-10-2016; Luke 3: 15-17 & 21, 22: “Jesus’ baptism-

who received Grace?; plus Isaiah 43: 1; we are called by name

1-17-2016; John 2: 1-11; water into wine-where is

the Grace-for His mother, the bride, the guests, or the servants

1-24-2016; Luke 4: 14-21; proclaiming the scripture

(Isaiah 62: 1-5) to be fulfilled; there is a new beginning; Lynn Honeycutt will be the guest pastor; she may or may not use this scripture

1-31-2016; Luke 4: 21-31; rejected by His own; they

turned their backs on Grace; the option; Paul’s description of Love; 1Cor: 1-13

2-7-2016; Transfiguration; Luke 9: 28-43a; start

with Psalm 99; is this Grace for James, Peter, John, Elijah, Moses, or Jesus?

2-14-2016; (Lent starts); Luke 4: 1-13; Satan tempts

Jesus; I may use Psalm 91: 1-2; there is Grace in Faith and Persistence

2-21-2016; Luke 13: 31-35; Jesus leaves Jerusalem

but vows to come back; Psalm 27 (song “Whom Shall I Fear”) there is Grace in resolve

2-28-2016; Luke 13: 1-9; Jesus calls for repentance;

there is Grace in “Brutal Honesty” Psalm 63 (song “Oh God, You are My God”)

**Ushers for the month of January**

JW Brotherton Jackie Hefner

Dennis Rumpf Carol Sticco

**Ushers for the month of February**

Dane Beatty Richard Harwell

Roger Hefner Jane Shoemaker

**Acolytes for the month of January**

Mackenzie Pedicino

**Acolytes for the month of February**

Aaron Brownell

**Happy Birthday**

Birthdays are important because they indicate a special moment when God selected us to live in time. That further indicates that we are very special to have been chosen by Him to serve in His Kingdom in this generation! So let each of us share that special day by phoning, or writing a note to that special person in our congregation. (P.S. Please inform Carol Sticco if there are any additions or corrections needed)

January 1 Beth Caldwell

January 5 Aubrey Bach

January 5 James Houser

January 5 Robert Miller

January 6 Carl Hicks

January 7 Jim Edwards

January 12 JW Brotherton

January 13 Steve Caldwell

January 15 Jack Leonard

January 16 Roger Hefner

January 20 Andy Bandel

January 22 Kresta Pedicino

January 26 Susan Greenwood

January 27 Ryker Williams

January 29 Justin Pedicino

February 1 Chris Sticco

February 4 Joyce Alexander

February 14 Woody Alexander

February 18 Chad Williams

February 28 Jim Webb

**Happy Anniversary**

February 14 Harry and Dorothy Clifford

**Fellowship Hall**

If you are interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall for your next special event. Please visit our calendar on our website *sfpchurch.org* to check availability. You can also contact Carol Sticco at 828-217-5616.

The following dates are booked as of now:

* January 12 – Art Fair (Home School)
* January 23- Ryker’s Birthday Party
* February 6 – Oyster Stew Dinner
* February 19 – Father/Daughter Set Up for Dance (Home School)
* February 20 – Father/Daughter Dance (Home School)
* March 8 – International Day Fair (Home School)
* May 1 – PW Birthday Objective Program and Lunch
* May 13 – Awards Ceremony Set Up (Home School)
* May 14 – Awards Ceremony and Talent Show (Home School)
* July 17 – Gabriel Family Reunion