



March-May 2018

## **Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Church**

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### **Pastor's Pulpit**

*March 20, 2018*

Greetings,

Sometimes it seems unbelievable, at the amount of excitement that continues to “swirl” around our church. But if we were to step back and watch we can see the hand of our Holy Spirit moving everywhere among us.

- We have had 8 new members join our church this year, plus two more soon;
- We just ordained two new Elders;
- Our Crafting Group creates “life” and “spirit” everywhere they go;
- Our Choir is growing, and shows God's Love to all who hear;
- Our Wednesday Night Bible Study has amazing energy;
- We serve 100 in-house meals, plus about 40 take-outs on 3rd Thursday;
- Our Presbyterian Women have gained national recognition; deservedly so;
- Our Clothing Closet at Catawba Elementary is “touching” people with needs;
- We continue to support ECCCM.

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With all of this, we are now launching the Madge Beatty Fund. We are asking you, our worship family, to give us ideas on how to use this fund. We have already received some good thoughts about “face lift” work around and inside both the church and fellowship hall. There is also some initial conversation about a church retreat this Fall (possibly at Camp Dogwood). We need all of your ideas; especially “Acts of Grace” in our community.

But more than anything, Marcia and I are amazed and gladdened at the outpouring of Love and Kindness you show and share with one-another. You truly are the “hands and feet” of Christ.

Peace to All,

Russ & Marcia

### **Third Thursday Dinners**

Since our first community dinner in August, the number of diners has increased each month. It is certainly a privilege to share the joy with *church members and others from our community who come to enjoy delicious food and feel the warmth of good Christian fellowship.* Thanks to all who have cooked, donated food, worked and shared the message of God's love.



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### **New Members**

We have recently welcomed several new members into our church. It is a pleasure to see Karen and Neil Mirman in our congregation, as well as returning members Elizabeth and Gar Misener.



### **Quotable Quotes**

Below are some quotes from Russ's recent sermons. If you hear something you feel is powerful during Russ's message, jot it down and give to Bitsy to be added to our next newsletter so it may be "re-shared" with our congregation.

"Hope is the assurance that things *WILL* get better."

"Our cross can be many things when we create those things out of love for Jesus."

"How are we working to get out of the wilderness?"

"Put yourself on the *PATH* - not the elevator."

"Did Jesus teach us knowledge or allow us a path to wisdom?"

"Jesus spoke to people's hearts - not their heads."

"Wisdom is knowing that we don't know it all - and being comfortable with it."



### **Member Spotlight - Rich and Libby Osganian**

This wonderful couple come to us from New Lebanon, New York. Libby has three children - Erin, Emily, and Michael, and Rich has four children - Sue, Nancy, Matt and Greg.

Libby and Rich met in a cafe (isn't that romantic) and married in 2014. Hoping to get away from harsh winters, they followed Sue and Greg to our area in 2016. Libby happily said that after their first visit to Sherrills Ford Church they knew that this was their new church home!

Recently Libby was installed as an elder in SFPC, and is active in our crafting group, as well as Bible Study. She loves to cook and has recently been trying her hand at Armenian cuisine. She is also a Civil War fanatic and reads all books and articles she can find.

Rich loves spending time with his grandchildren and hopes to be a baseball coach for the littlest one (3 years old.)

Libby and Rich are avid baseball fans and love to watch it. Their favorite team is the San Francisco Giants (although Libby used to be a Mets fan before she met Rich.)

Rich and Libby live in Troutman.

**December Memories**





### **Choir Presents Cantata at Abernethy Laurels**

On January 21st our choir traveled to Abernethy Laurels to give a special presentation of our Christmas Cantata "The Greatest Story Ever Told." The residents were thrilled to have a sing-along with the choir before the presentation.



### **Israel Trip Shared on Facebook**

Follow our trip to Israel! You may go to Marcia's Facebook page (the one that shows Marcia and Russ.) Request to be a "friend" and after you are acknowledged, you will be able to see pictures and videos of the exciting travels day by day. (April 15-25)



### KIDZ Church

During service each Sunday children are invited to attend a special youth service in the Education Building. Marcia will oversee this and present age appropriate activities and lessons.

### Great Information Shown on a Plaque

***“What if You Woke Up Today  
with Only the Things  
You Thanked God for Yesterday?”***



### Church Flowers

There is a sheet in the narthex where you may sign up to bring in flowers to be placed for Sunday worship. If you would like to let the church know whom the flowers honor, we will put this in the bulletin.

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## Church Calendar



### April

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| 1 Easter Sunrise Service                         | 7:30 a.m.      |
| Breakfast in the Fellowship (after 7:30 Service) |                |
| Church Service - Cantata                         | 11 a.m.        |
| 3 Women of the Church                            | 10 a.m.        |
| 4 Bible Study                                    | 7 p.m.         |
| 11 Bible Study                                   | 7 p.m.         |
| 19 Third Thursday Dinner                         | 5:30-7:00 p.m. |

### May

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| 1 Women of the Church                    | 10 a.m.        |
| 6 Women of the Church Birthday Objective |                |
| 17 Third Thursday Dinner                 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. |