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Pastor's Pulpit

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Greetings and Peace to all from Marcia and myself.

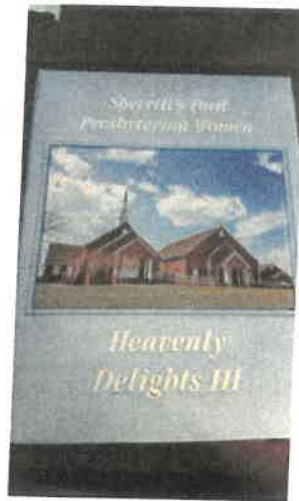
We continue to be excited watching the Holy Spirit work in God's church here at Sherrill's Ford. At church, lately we have talked quite a bit about doing the things our Lord puts in our path (rather than avoiding them like I did for so many years).

Here are just a few of those things that "might be in your path":

(1.) Wednesday Night Bible Study: you do not need to be a "bible scholar" to enjoy this evening of sharing. We are studying the gospel of Matthew. Bible Study starts at 7PM. (2.) School Supplies for Catawba Elementary: too many of these children just don't have very much. We also support a "Clothing Closet" at this school. Wendy Bandel does a great job at managing these activities; contact her with any questions. (3.) "Third Thursday": this is an "outreach" of both Food and Fellowship for all in our community. Bitsy Gregory, Dawn White, Bob Chambers, and Libby Osganian are the people to contact. Help in preparation, serving, communication, and greeting/fellowship is needed. (4.) Presbyterian Women: meet the first Tuesday of each month. This group of ladies do an outstanding job of being obedient to God's call. Doris Brown, Gwen Beatty, or Joy Lynn Beatty are the wonderful people to contact with any questions. 5. Choir: music is such an important part of worshipping and praising our Lord. We are blessed in our church that music is an integral part of our worship. Our choir is wonderful. They have fun and openly share their love of our Lord. Come join us for every Sunday, or be a "Cantata Singer." Talk to Elizabeth if you have interest. 6. Session of the Church: this is the body of Elders that manages our church (Marcia and I report to our Session). We have a six-member Session, plus a moderator. The members serve three year terms. A person must be a member of the church to serve on Session. If you have any interest or questions, contact Cindy Miller. 7. Crafting Ladies: these marvelous ladies meet on Monday mornings. They love what they do! The few times I have stopped by to see them, I hear conversation when I walk in the building, but when I go in their room they suddenly get quiet. My understanding is; "What is said in Crafts, stays in Crafts". Check in with Jackie Hefner or Dawn White if you have any interest in joining them. 8. Pilgrimage Weekend: this is a laity led, three-day spiritual retreat. Marcia and I attended one in October of 1998. It changed the course of my life. There are two retreats a year in our area. Bitsy and Bill Gregory recently attended, and they richly enjoyed the experience. Marcia, or I are often members of the "teams" for these weekends. You can contact Bitsy, Bill, Marcia, or myself if you have any questions.

God has a path for each of us. He takes us places where we can be the "Hands and Feet" of Jesus. God will equip us and the Holy Spirit will guide us; we just must allow "it" to happen.

Peace to All,



Great Recipes!

The Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Women of the Church have completed a project of collecting and compiling over 500 favorite recipes! The cookbooks are \$15 each and may be purchased from Gwen Beatty! Stock up to use at home and give for gifts in support of this fundraiser.



Quotable Quotes

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

"He lives because He died for us."

"Don't worry!"

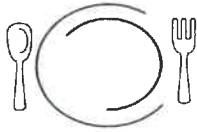
"There are no coincidences."

"So help me, God"

"Lord, I ask that we accept your peace."

"Are we willing to be what God wants us to be?"

"Forgiven! Restored! Called!"



“Third Thursday” Community Dinners

A team of SFPC members began meeting in late May planning an outreach to our community. We would like to reach people who want or need a meal or need the fellowship that comes with it at our church. Many preparations have been made and we are looking forward to our second dinner on August 21st. Our upcoming menus are:

September 21 grilled hamburgers/hotdogs, salad, chips, baked beans, dessert;

October 19 spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert.

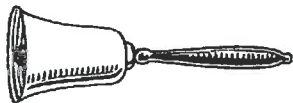
Thanks so much to our friends at SFPC who have willingly volunteered to help with this community outreach. We are hoping you may all attend and help us promote our endeavor (and to have a great meal, as well as make all feel welcome.)

If you know of anyone who needs transportation, please let the team know.



Seeds of Promise

The homeschooling group that has used the SFPC facilities for several years has notified the church that their group “Seeds of Promise” has relocated to a facility in Lincoln. At the close of their letter they said, “Please know that we love you and your church. We pray for you. We hope that should God call us back to Sherrills Ford Presbyterian Church in the future for some reason, we have left in great standing with you before God and your church.” Best of Luck “Seeds of Promise!”



Bell Choir Visits SFPC

On May 14th the Bells of Lake Norman presented a fine evening of music at our church. Our own Elizabeth Brownell was part of the bell choir in this impressive performance. We hope to have this group perform again in December.



Worship Kidz Style!

Pastor Marcia will escort children ages 4-14 from the worship service after the offertory so they may worship "Kidz Style." This will be done in the education building and will include praise, songs, scripture and teaching, as well as creative play, when time permits.



Jean Padgett Came to SFPC!

Jean Padgett was at SFPC June 24th and presented a workshop titled "Hide and Seek." Twenty six women enjoyed the program where God asked the question in Jeremiah 23:24 "Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" During the study they examined three Bible characters. Adam tried to hide from God; David hid from himself; and Judas wore a mask in front of his friends. The group changed directions and tried to determine what it meant when God told Jeremiah in Chapter 29, verse 13, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." The desire was to be able to say as the psalmist did, "You are my hiding place." The meeting was closed by Elizabeth Brownell singing "You Are My Hiding Place." The women were assisted by the Men of the Church who helped by serving the meal to the ladies and in many other ways.



North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage

"The pilgrimage is an opportunity through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived, and shared in any area of human life...There are talks, round table discussions, chapel, communion, music, singing, laughter and prayer." In March Bill and I attended Presbyterian Pilgrimage #145 at Camp Harrison. I can honestly say it was a life changing experience for both of us. We were amazed by the tranquil location in the mountains of North Carolina and the sincere Christian welcome we got from every participant. Some people talked about their desire to "re-charge" their Christian batteries! The two of us were looking to build and strengthen the foundations of our faith. We have found ourselves excited and energized to experience each day in a Christian manner and work to follow through on paths God has chosen for us. We would be honored to sponsor any SFPC members desiring to attend the next pilgrimage which is scheduled September 14-17th. We have brochures if you are interested in getting more information. *Betsy Gregory*



Fourth of July Celebration!

We had a wonderful celebration of our nation's independence on Sunday, July 2nd. The music was delightful, and Russ had an insightful sermon that included congregation participation.



ECCCM in Need of Donations



David Miller volunteers at ECCCM and tells us that they are in need of support from our community. We have placed a container in the narthex to hold these supplies. You may place your items there as you enter the church. Needed: canned vegetables/ fruits, canned stews and soup, fruit cups, canned meat/tuna/chicken/salmon, and packaged dried fruits. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Your support is always greatly appreciated!

Hat Day Planned for August 27th



The ladies who work with Crafting on Mondays have had much enjoyment making fascinators - small hats! We've worn them out to celebrate birthdays with friends, as well as to church services this summer. We want to encourage all ladies to wear a hat on "Hat Day" August 27th. Please check at home to see if you have a favorite hat from your past, or consider choosing a fascinator from the collection we will have in the Narthex. We want to have a happy group of women on this day of fond memories.



Interesting Quotes About Seniors

"A senior moment is just a *wrinkle* in time!"

"Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life." Proverbs 16

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." Twain

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Churchill

"When there's a long row to hoe, remember: God's still in charge of the garden."

"For a free facelift, SMILE!"

Bible School



SFPC hosted Vacation Bible School on July 28th-29th, and it was enjoyed by children and adults, as well. On Friday evening the children learned songs, played games, painted watercolor farm scenes, and had a delicious dinner. Next, a game of Bible Scavenger Hunt was played, after which the campers watched a movie before bedtime. After spending the night in the Fellowship Hall, the campers had a wonderful breakfast and went on a field trip to a local farm. There they observed the modernization of milking cows, how the milk is stored and distributed and how calves are fed. Much loved were the farm cat and dogs!

After returning to SFPC they practiced their songs and had a photo opportunity with a tractor and plants.

During our worship service the following Sunday, many campers displayed their artwork, as well as sang beautiful songs for the congregation!



Seniors.....

"Being diagnosed with memory loss isn't the worst thing that can happen to you because in fifteen minutes, you'll have forgotten all about it.



Women of the Church

The Women of the Church group finished their study of "Who is Jesus?" for this year at their August meeting. Russ Reighley led the Bible study lesson in "According to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations." In September they will begin a new Bible study "Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ in Hebrews."

The Fall Gathering East for our cluster will be September 30, 2017 at Green Street Presbyterian Church in Morganton. More information will be available later.

The Presbyterian Women's group is collecting school supplies or money for Catawba Elementary School. A list of needed supplies is in the vestibule and at the door leading to the Fellowship Hall. There are blue containers to hold supplies. If you wish to give a donation of money please make the check out to the "PW" and mark it for school supplies. You may give the check to Doris Brown or Gwen Beatty.

Senior Moments



"Growing older is mandatory. Growing up is optional."

"We can do no great things. Only small things with great love." Mother Teresa

"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be." Browning

"One great thing about getting older - your old meaningless stuff is now "retro" and worth a lot of money.

"The best thing after recalling our crazy old times... is how much it embarrasses the kids!"

Church Calendar



August

24 Abernethy Laurels - services at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

27 Hat Day

Special Offering for Working Against Human Trafficking

September

4 Labor Day

5 Women of the Church 10 a.m.

Blood Drive SFPC 3:00-7:30

21 Third Thursday 5:30-7:30

24 Homecoming Sunday

30 New Zealand Presentation & Covered Dish Supper 6 p.m.

October

1 World Communion Sunday

3 Women of the Church 10 a.m. Team

13 Supper for Bandys High School Football Team

19 Third Thursday 5:30-7:30



Celebrate!

Birthdays are important because they indicate a special moment when God selected us to live in time. We are very special to have been chosen by Him to serve in His Kingdom in this generation. (Please inform Bitsy if there are any additions or corrections needed.)

August

3 Jerry Beatty
4 David Cross
5 Jane Shoemaker
14 Cindy Miller
20 Ramona Edwards
26 Jacob Phillips
28 Wendy Bandel

September

2 Jacob Bandel
8 Waylon Williams
10 Rich Osganian
17 Ricky Beatty
17 Mary Kennedy
18 Sammy White
24 Maddie Mirman
24 Caroline Mirman
24 Nate Mirman
25 Joy Lynn Beatty
27 Willie Beatty

October

8 Von Beatty
9 Alex White
17 Jennifer Humphreys
19 Ida Edwards
20 Aaron Brownell
21 Doug Shoemaker
22 Kris Mirman
27 Dorothy Clifford
27 Joyce Beatty
28 Brian Del Piano
31 Lynn Ritchie



Anniversaries

August

15 Bill and Bitsy Gregory
19 David and Heather Cross
22 Jerry and Joy Beatty
24 Steve and Kris Mirman
28 Woody and Joyce Alexander
31 Jim and Ramona Edwards

September

7 Bob and Mary Kennedy
27 Michael and Ashley Sticco
30 David and Cindy Miller

October

9 Steve and Beth Caldwell
10 Dennis and Fran Rumpf
29 Carl and Lisa Hicks

Choir Notes



On November 11th the choir will be celebrating Veteran's Day and presenting an evening of patriotic music for the community. Many enjoyed the patriotic service we had last year - suggesting we do it every year. The choir has already begun to rehearse for this special service. There will be more information to come.

We will also be beginning rehearsals for our Christmas cantata as soon as the books are shipped. [We will be presenting "The Greatest Story Ever Told" on December 17th during morning worship service and again in January at Abernethy Laurels in Newton.](#) If you would like to join us, please see Elizabeth so additional music can be ordered ASAP. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Please join us as we prepare to lead in worship.

Fellowship



Hall

Reservations

August

27 Gabriel Family Reunion

September

9 Bobbie Williams

10 White Family Reunion

30 Beatty Family Reunion