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# SECOND PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

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Lexington, North Carolina

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## January/February Events

### January 15:

Ruling Elder Ordination/  
Installation in worship—  
11:00 a.m.

### January 15:

Epiphany Dinner, 6:00 p.m.  
(Rescheduled)

### February 3:

Feed the Lexington  
Basketball Team

### February 14:

Women's Morning Circle--  
10:00 a.m.  
Women's Evening Circle  
Meal—6:30 p.m.

### February 19:

Men of the Church  
Fellowship Meal, 5:30 p.m.

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## Embracing Hope and Healing in a New Year

Now that the dust has begun to settle after a deeply divisive election, it is my hope that healing can begin in our nation, neighborhoods, and families. Over and over again we have heard that we are a nation that is angry and divided. We have been told to be suspicious of people who are different and to be distrustful of anyone who does not hold our particular set of opinions and beliefs. In a nation that is as diverse and varied as we are, to hold such views is a recipe for disaster.

The truth is we need one another and we need to learn to live with and for each other. We need to talk less and listen more. We need to at least consider that other opinions are worth consideration and we need to stop demonizing those who we are told are on the other side.

It is in times like these that I am so thankful for my Presbyterian/Reformed roots. Our church is one that seeks to practice mutual forbearance and work for reconciliation. We are disciples who hold that Christ is not only our personal savior, but the Savior of the world (John 3:16). Right now the world desperately needs a word of hope and it is the Gospel that gives that hope. It is up to us to proclaim it through our words and actions. Now more than ever we need to not just come to church... we need to *be* the church.

Blessings,  
Brian K. Rummage

## BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment. Care for the poor.*  
**Forgive often. Reject racism.**  
**Fight for the powerless.**  
*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*  
*Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.*

## Presbyterian Women

**The WOC has changed the time and day the Coordinating Team will meet. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m.**

**The circle meeting schedule has not changed. Circles continue meet on the 2nd Tuesday @ 10 and 6:30. We hope you will join us.**

**If you have any questions, please speak to Shelia Koonts.**

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# Ruling Elder Ordination/ Installation

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January 15, 2017

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During worship on January 15, we will be reminded of how important the office of Ruling Elder is to the mission and witness of the church.

Our Book of Order tells us the following:

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. (*Book of Order, G-2.0301*)

We welcome 4 new officers to serve on our Session beginning this month. Kathy Cashion, Kathy Clark, Jeff Gray, and Jamie Nance were elected to serve for a three-year term at our congregational meeting in December.

We will also honor and thank the members of Session who have concluded their term of service: Joe Cashion, Katie Clark, Venessa Link, and Gary Gobble.



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Our  
Story**

## **YOUTH RETREAT**

HOSTED BY  
**SALEM PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL**

### **Details**

Saturday - Plan to arrive at Camp Hanes (1225 Camp Hanes Road, King, NC) between 8:30 and 9:30AM

Throughout the day, the theme and scripture will be engaged through music, keynote, small group discussion, workshops, prayer, worship and more.

**Something new this year** - during our recreation and free time, we will have the opportunity to make use of some of the camp offerings - archery and canoeing, and weather permitting, a **CAMP FIRE!**

We will end the retreat with closing worship on Sunday morning and will send you off by 11:30AM

### **Our Keynoter**

Sarah Hoyle is a recent graduate of Wake Forest University, who grew up in Clemmons Presbyterian Church and served on PYC as a youth. She continues to serve her church as a youth adviser, while working at the Personal and Career Development Office at Wake Forest. When Sarah wasn't studying politics as a student, she was helping to organize a student-run food redistribution nonprofit, Campus Kitchen, and leading her peers in discussions of identity through a social justice retreat initiative. In the summer of 2015, Sarah served as an intern at the Presbyterian Ministry to the United Nations where she studied refugee displacement and the conflict in Southern Sudan. She has spent many years volunteering at Montreat Conference Center, and will return this summer to serve as a leader at the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference.

**Registration Information is Coming soon!**

Please contact Mandy Ealy with questions [mandy@hawfieldschurch.org](mailto:mandy@hawfieldschurch.org)

# Ministries in January and February

Ministry	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Acolyte	Luke Perryman	Joseph Nance	Kambri Clodfelter	Lydia Perryman
Scripture Reader	Cathy Kinney	Ronda Davis	Tracy Stevenson	Nissa Hegler
Sound System	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler
Nursery				
Officer of the Week	Kathy Clark Karen Brugger	Jamie Nance Jeff Gray	Mike Davis Lynda McDaniel	Steve Alston Stacy Sosebee-West

Ushers: Mike Link, Venessa Link, Dennis Hill, Joe Clark (Captain)

Opening/ Closing the Church: Dennis Hill

Ministry	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Acolyte	Wes Rummage	Logan Hegler	Luke Perryman	Will Rummage
Scripture Reader	Emma West	Kathy Clark	Jason Nance	Stacy Sosebee-West
Sound System	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler
Nursery				
Officer of the Week	Tad Helmstetler Kathy Cashion	Bobby Smith Callie Lane	Kathy Clark Karen Brugger	Jamie Nance Jeff Gray

Ushers: Joe Cashion, Kathy Cashion, Bobby Smith, Carey Graves (Captain)

Opening/ Closing: Joe Clark

# Second Presbyterian Church

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## Our Church Staff:

Pastor: Reverend Brian K. Rummage  
Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Bill Sosebee  
Director of Music: Iris W. Mauney  
Organist: Margaret Yarborough  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Neal  
Nursery Coordinator: Kathy Clark

## Leadership/ Ruling Elders:

### Class of 2019

Kathy Clark  
Kathy Cashion  
Jeff Gray  
Jamie Nance

### Class of 2018

Karen Brugger  
Tad Helmstetler  
Stacy Sosebee-West  
Bobby Smith

### Class of 2017

Steve Alston  
Mike Davis  
Callie Lane  
Lynda McDaniel

