



First Methodist Church

OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

August 20, 2024

My dear church family: I am deeply honored and incredibly humbled to have been selected by the *Observer News* for the wonderful award and recognition as "Best Pastor." I'm touched that someone would even think about me in that manner and as I said in worship while receiving this award, if there has been anything good from my ministry, it's only because our amazing God has been able to work His great wonders through such a flawed vessel as me.

I also want to repeat that I serve the best congregation ever (!), and this award is more of a reflection of you and what you're doing in our community that has been noticed by others. Daily I ask the Lord to continue to show His goodness and power through our church, and me as your spiritual shepherd. Together, let's keep looking for ways to show how remarkable Jesus is!

Pastor John



PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS

Let Us Pray...



As an ongoing part of our Nurturing Ministry, we are asking all members of our church to pray for six specific families. Each week we will list a different group of six families as we work our way through our church roll. The families for this week are:

Nancy Clarke, Bruce & Michelle Cloninger,
Finley & Carole Cloninger, Tyler & Elizabeth Conner
(Maddox, Madilynn & Waylon), Eric, Kim, Brooke & Michael
Connor, Jean Connor.

NEW ADDRESSES

SR FISHER, ANDREW, F
SHIP 04 DIV 280
RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND
3600 OHIO STREET
GREAT LAKES, IL 60088-7103
(Please DO NOT decorate the outside of the
letter/card, it needs to remain plain.
Also, please DO NOT send any musical cards.)

Jeanette Davis
210 Leonard Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

UPPER ROOMS

The Sept. / Oct. "Upper Room" devotional books are available for pick-up. They are located on the sofa table outside the Conference Room and upstairs by the water fountain. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going online to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIALS

Local Missions Fund

In memory of Mary Rudisill by:
Jeanette Davis

Music Fund

In memory of Mary Rudisill by:
Jan Barbersek

Sound System Fund

In memory of Mary Rudisill by:
Kenny & Jean Monroe

CATAWBA COUNTY HUNGER WALK

The Corner Table, Ashure Ministry, and Hickory Soup Kitchen will be hosting this year's Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 13. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds for hunger relief in Catawba County, and to heighten awareness of hunger issues within our community.

All proceeds from the Hunger Walk will be shared evenly between these 3 organizations. Please note the name change with deletion of "Eastern " and the addition of Hickory Soup Kitchen to the Hunger Walk as we now serve the entire county.

Registration forms are available for our church team. Please see Anita Deal for a form or to make a donation. You may also register online at cchungerwalk.com or by scanning the qr code on the flyer on the bulletin board outside Beth's office. Be sure to join First Methodist Church Conover team. Registration will be due September 15.



Greeters



Greeters for Aug 25:

8:25-8:45 – Brenda & Steve Heafner

10:40-11 – Tommi Anderson, Gaye Hoke & Jackie Lowdermilk

Anyone who wishes to be a greeter, call Harold Thornburg at (828) 312-1953 - cell; (828) 464-6826.

NEWS TO USE

ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for August** is **canned food**. All canned food is useful and appreciated, but cans with pop top lids are important for our homeless clients. These may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between the CFLC and Beth's office along with grocery bags.

Ashure Ministry's Annual Share the Harvest Banquet is October 19, at Hickory Metro Center. Music is by The Extraordinaires and the meal is prepared by Iazzo's. Tickets are \$40 and MAY BE PURCHASED FROM ANITA DEAL.



FOLLOW FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF CONOVER!

If you use Facebook and haven't already "Followed" our church page, please do that as soon as you can! We have increased the frequency of posts there and it's a great source for information about upcoming events. On Facebook, just search for "First Methodist Church of Conover" and click the "follow" button.

Very soon, you'll be "in the know" about all the great things happening at our church. If you have anything you would like us to post on this page, please send it to Beth Woods (woods777@aol.com)

ALSO, if you are already following our page, feel free to "Share" any of our posts so that your friends can also see them! That's a great way to multiply how far out our church's message can reach!



PASTOR'S QUIZ

The Disciple Philip said it would suffice them if Jesus would

- a. prevent the betrayal
- b. bring Pilate to believe
- c. show them the Father
- d. stay with them three days more

(The correct answer is on the back of the newsletter.)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT **By Our Presence August 18, 2024**

Sunday School:
122

Worship:
8:45am Service 143
11:00am Service 135
Total 278

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$	8,950.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)		
Children's Bank		27.50
CFLC		50.00
Local Missions Fund		50.00
Music Fund		50.00
Sound System Fund		50.00
Youth Fund		100.00
Total	\$	9,277.50

NEEDED: CRUTCHES, ROLLATORS, WALKERS, WHEELCHAIRS

If you have "used but in good condition" crutches, rollators, walkers, or wheelchairs that you do not need anymore, please think about donating them for others who are in need.

You may bring them to the church and place them in the hallway outside of Pastor John's office. They will be picked up by HW Robertson and delivered to Samaritan's Purse in North Wilkesboro.

Thank you for your donations and God has a plan for each and every one of them.



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Conover, NC 28613
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2024 FLOWER CHART

The new 2024 Flower Chart has been posted in the hallway outside the church office.

If you would like to sign up to place flowers in the Sanctuary one Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635 to schedule a date.

Please do not write your name on the Flower Chart but call the church office.

A slide will be shown at both services on the Sunday that you choose with the information given by you.

The following florists have a key so that they can deliver the flowers on a Saturday:

Twigs & Twine - Conover

Newton-Conover Florist - Newton

Blooms Greenhouse - Conover



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. show them the Father
(John 14:8)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods pastor@fmconover.org (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell 208 2nd St NE, Conover
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Music Director/Praise Team/ Pianist	Shannon Rogers srog101@gmail.com (828) 244-6124
Organist	Kevin Haney khaney01@gmail.com (704) 914-6510
Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 preschool@fmconover.org
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fmconover.org

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

Global Methodist Church General Conference Informational Sessions

Are you curious about the GMC General Conference coming up in September? Do you have questions about what will be decided? Are you willing to pray for the issues being discussed?

Then mark your calendars for two information sessions being planned for **September 10 at 7:00 and September 11 at 10:30 am.** (This is during Pastor John's normal Bible Study time, but Bible Study will not be meeting that week.). Come to one or both sessions to hear Beth and Pastor John explain the business of the General Conference and the plans being made. (Same information will be presented at both, but the question-and-answer part may vary.) We will then also pray together for God's guidance to prevail in all discussions and decisions.

If you would like to read more about General Conference, check out the website: <https://www.sotheworldwillknow.org/> There you can find a list of all the delegates from around the world, the legislative committees that will be meeting, the petitions that will be debated and voted on, a proposal for electing bishops, information about connectional commissions (these will direct the GMC in the future), the proposed constitution for the GMC, the current version of the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, the plan of organization for the General Conference, and more.

NOTE: You can also pick up the handout for Pastor John's first Chosen Bible Study (scheduled for early October) at these meetings.

Register now for the NC GMC Laity Convocation!

September 14, 10:00 – 4:00

At First Methodist Church of Conover

The Laity Convocation is coming soon, and it is time to register now! The Lay Ministry Team of the NC Global Methodist Church has planned this event for all laity (that's everybody!) to come together for inspiration, connection, and practical help for being in ministry together. Our church is hosting this convocation, but it is open to all laity (members or not...), so invite a friend!

The planning team has been studying Thom Rainer's book "Pray And Go" and there will be a session lead by Thom's team from Church Answers, and I know they will inspire us with ideas for connecting people to Christ. If you would like to read this book in advance, it can be purchased from Amazon or most Christian book retailers. (It is not necessary to read it in order to attend the convocation.)

The NC GMC Lay Ministry Team will be leading breakout groups on these ministry topics:

- Children/Youth
- Women/Men
- Missions/ Certified Lay Ministry
- Young Adults/Prayer

Click this link for the registration page for this event: <https://form.jotform.com/242144736883059>

(Registration information is also on our website and Facebook page or you can contact Beth Woods to register if you don't have computer capability.)

STILL MORE NEWS TO USE



Students, teachers and others involved in school: Please bring your backpack or work bag to church on August 25! We will take a few moments to bless your bag and YOU! Your church family wants you to know that we care about education and we will be praying for a great year!

Also, during the Sunday School hour on August 25, all K-12th grade students will meet together for a kick-off of our AWANA Sunday School program. Students should report to their normal classroom to check in, then go to the CFLC for refreshments and a short program. Teachers, please also come to the CFLC after you have checked your students' attendance.



Fellowship Meals at the Woods' Home

We have a few openings for the September fellowship meals. You can check availability and sign up on Signup Genius. Go to www.signupgenius.com and search by Beth's email address (woods777@aol.com). A clickable link will also be posted on our Facebook page. We will set another round of dates for October. We will continue these as long as there is interest!

Pastor John and Beth

The Corner Table

Feeding Needs of Catawba County

COMMUNITY KITCHEN • BACKPACK PROGRAM • FROZEN MEALS



The Corner Table's 9th Annual **PARADE OF CANS FOOD DRIVE**

August 1-31st

Help us feed our community!

Scan the QR code for a list of our most needed food items, more info on the drive, or make a donation towards the drive!



Food donations can be left in the
Narthex or the Crossroads Sunday
School classroom.

Call Jenny Harris at (828) 358-5900 with
any questions.

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SPONSOR START A TEAM
RAISE SUPPORT WALK
SPREAD THE WORD



REGISTER NOW

BENEFITING



CATAWBA
COUNTY



HUNGER
WALK

SUNDAY | 3PM
OCTOBER 13, 2024
DOWNTOWN NEWTON
(Frank & Sue Jones Amphitheatre)

WHY WE WALK

To provide meals to the
homes facing food insecurity
in Catawba County!

INFORMATION

2:00PM - Registration

2:45PM - Awards

(Top Team Fundraiser, Largest Team, Top Individual Fundraiser)

QUESTIONS

Ashure Ministry

(828-465-1702 | ashureministry.org)

The Corner Table

(828-464-0355 | thecornertable.org)

Hickory Soup Kitchen

(828-327-4828 | hickorysoupkitchen.org)





Plans for Aug-Dec 2024

Wed, Aug 21. Meet at church at 5:30; go to Balls Creek Campground, have dinner at the Stewarts' tent, then attend Campmeeting Youth Rally (7:30) Return to church ~ 9:30

Sat, Aug 24: We will meet at 4:30 in youth room, decorate and set up furnishings, have dinner together, and pray together for the upcoming school year. At 6:30, we will leave the church to go to Hickory to see the 7:00 showing of the movie, "The Forge." Please let me know in advance if you will be able to go to the movie so I can purchase tickets.

Sun, Sept 8: 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Sept 15: 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Sept 22: 5:00-7:00 BETH GONE to COSTA RICA – IF SOMEONE ELSE WILL LEAD, Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Sept 29: 5:00-7:00 BETH GONE to COSTA RICA – IF SOMEONE ELSE WILL LEAD, Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Oct 6: 5:00-7:00 meet at church to go putt-putting & get dinner out

Sun, Oct 13: Catawba County Hunger Walk

Sun, Oct 20: 5:00-7:00 meet at church to help prepare for Harvest Festival

Sat, Oct 26: all day! Volunteer at Harvest Festival

Sun, Nov 3, 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Nov 10, 5:00-7:00 Service project – details coming later

Sun, Nov 17, 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Nov 24, 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Dec 1, 5:00-7:00 Movie night at church with dinner – youth room

Sun, Dec 8, 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Dec 15, 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room



Meals Needed for Youth Meetings!

Would you like to be REALLY appreciated??! Then, feed the youth! They love to eat! If you could provide a simple meal (pizza, chicken nuggets, spaghetti, etc.) for about 10 people, our youth and volunteers would be so grateful! (Funds available to pay for ingredients.) It can be any time during our normal 5:00- 7:00 youth meeting time. Plan to stay and eat with us and you will be doubly-blessed! Contact Beth for sign-ups.



That means our Harvest Festival for Jesus is coming SOON! This year's Harvest Festival will be held October 26. We will open our grounds to the community for an afternoon of fun, prizes, and sharing of our faith. An event of this magnitude needs a lot of workers and we still have a place for YOU! Here's a list of SOME of our needs:

- volunteers to help for as little as 30 minutes, up to 3 hours helping children safely get on and off inflatable slides and bounce houses
- groups or individuals to run a carnival game-type booth (we have resources to help you plan this!) and give away smiles, prizes, and a moment of God's love
- groups or individuals to assist children with crafts and to paint faces or hands
- people to serve food, give away Bibles, pray with visitors, or serve as floaters to help other workers
- golf carts or similar vehicles to help with set-up and clean-up
- music... do you know of a performer or group that would be willing to provide live music for 30 minutes – an hour?
- people to paint wooden crosses to be given away (workday will be announced later!)
- candy and other prizes to be given to our visitors
- people willing to hang a poster in a public location
- PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE INVOLVED AND ALL WHO WILL ATTEND!

Wednesday, Oct 23, Thursday, Oct 24, Friday Oct 25 and Saturday morning, Oct 26: Help set up boundary fences to keep children safely out of the road, set up tables, chairs, platforms, signs, and other infrastructure.

After the close of the festival:

- Take-down, Clean-up and Store-away EVERYTHING. Many hands make light work. Please plan to help if you can!

Thank you! Beth Woods (email to volunteer: woods777@aol.com or call/text with questions: (336) 480-4551.

DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING FACILITIES AND OUR HOMEBOUND

Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care Center)
255 Geitner Avenue, Newton, NC 28658



Nell Johnson - Kingston Residence
904 2nd Street NE, Apt. 109, Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 328-9962 - landline (828) 228-7396 - cell

Margaret Kilpatrick - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) (Room 2010)
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Robert Matthews - Heritage Care (Room 16)
3430 Lester Street, Conover, NC 28613

Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn (Room 107)
PO Box 1599, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 381-4988 - Rick's cell (828) 381-7328 - Linda's cell

Mary Ann Simpson - Abernethy Laurels (Room 138)
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C13)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

Dottie Aycock-Harris - 1449 Brookstone Drive, Hickory, NC 28602
(704) 460-4919 - Ron's cell phone
noghost@bellsouth.net - email address



John & Betsy Hemmings - 2537 Birdie Lane, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 459-9444

Lee Moritz, Sr. - 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 464-3383

Dolores Setzer - PO Box 1237, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 256-1421

Alice Spencer - 1608 Hwy 16 North, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 464-6403

If you know of any members that should be added to our list, please contact the church office at
(828) 464-4635.