



First Methodist Church

OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

May 14, 2024

This poem was shared at church this Mother's Day. Hope it blesses you this week.

At the dawn of time, God needed someone He could trust to love His precious children. **And so, God made a mother.**

God said, "Life will often be harsh, so I need someone with a gentle touch. Someone who can brush a tear from the downy cheek of a newborn and gauge a child's temperature without a thermometer. I need someone who has a special knack for soothing, who can kiss away pain and soften blows. Someone who will hold her child's hand firmly, until she forces herself to release it, tearfully, on the first day of school." **And so, God made a mother.**

"I need someone who will care enough to gather daffodils and put them in a vase, so everybody in the house can enjoy the first blooms of spring. I need someone who will care enough to rummage through the mismatched sock pile, in hopes of finding a match. Someone who will make birthdays extra special, sing silly songs with her toddlers in the car, and who actually *wants* to go on a school field trip to the insect museum, just to experience it with her child."

God thought, "I need someone who will play Christmas carols on the piano. Someone who will decorate gingerbread houses with the kids and wrap gifts and deck the halls for Christmas, for nothing in all my creation will be able to make Christmas as special as a mother will. I'll make someone who can organize playdates, piano lessons and the pantry. Someone who can find things like a lost football cleat, Dad's keys, and 'Bun-Bun,' her little girl's favorite stuffed bunny. I need someone to gather a busy family around the dinner table for chicken soup, cornbread, and sharing life together."

"I need someone who can unload the dishwasher, pack lunches, call out spelling words, and make coffee, while bouncing a baby on her hip. Someone who will carry an array of toys, snacks, and essentials in her heavy purse, and never complain. I need someone to help with endless school projects, organize the football banquet, and say, 'I'm proud of you,' even when her child fails."

"I need someone who is willing to keep going, even when she thinks she has no strength left. Someone who'll strive to love her kids and to love their father, even more." **And so, God made a mother.**

God said, "I need someone who believes. Someone who will trust that I have a good plan for her and for her children, even when she can't see it. Someone who will pray for her family daily, for sadly, few people will. I need someone who will share my words and encourage her children to believe in Me because I am the source of life." **And so, God made a mother.**

"I'll place a second pair of eyes in the back of a mother's head," God thought. "I'll give her bionic ears, and grant her a generous portion of laughter and tears, for she will need them both. Sometimes she'll feel like she doesn't have what it takes. There will be days when she is overcome with worry, pain, or failure. But when the need arises, she'll be there. And while motherhood will be difficult, she'll come to embrace it with all of her heart. Yes, I need someone who will love my children like . . . well, kind of like I do," God laughed.

"So, I'll give each mother a heart the size of Texas, and if she'll let me, I'll fill it with my special, forever-kind of love. A love that resembles my own. Once I put a precious baby in her arms, she will never be the same. One day her children will grow up and move on, but she never will. A mother will fight for, and pray for, and sacrifice for her children for as long as she lives." **And so, God made a mother.**

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:

Michael Thornburg, Ronald Thornburg,
Wayne & Virginia Thornburg, Wendy Robinson Thornton,
Emma, Michael & Evelyn Tozser; Wesley & Brandie Tucker.



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
AT 6:00PM**

A Baccalaureate Service recognizing Newton-Conover High School graduates for 2024 will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 6:00pm.

First Methodist Church of Conover will be hosting this event. The Conover Ministerial Group are sponsoring this event.

Please plan to attend to recognize our graduates from Newton-Conover High School:

Liam Bunton
(son of Natasha Bunton)
Andrew "Drew" Fisher
(son of Alan & Melissa Fisher)
Laci Matthews
(daughter of Mike & Kelly Matthews)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

May 19th at 5:00 PM

We ask that all Worship Committee members attend this meeting on May 19. We made a lot of progress at our last meeting, but we need to continue those discussions. We want to provide opportunities for all members to be a part of our worship services. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Jeannie & Anthony



Worship Committee

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIALS

Music Fund (Choir Stoles)

In loving memory of Betty Fisher by:
Mark & Rita Deal

In memory of H.A. Slate on the anniversary
of his homegoing by:
Jean Slate

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Carol Dickinson by:
Jan Barbersek
Jeanette Davis



Memorial
Gifts

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

NEWS TO USE

Youth Retreat Opportunity – Registration is SOON

Rising 6th grade -12th grade youth are invited to attend a retreat at Fort Caswell located in beautiful Oak Island, North Carolina. It will be sponsored by CLUB Ministries and will be an incredible 3 days of fun and worship. From **August 9-11, 2024** youth groups are invited to attend this non-denominational event designed to educate, enlighten, and energize young people through the Word of God! There will be inspirational speakers, inspiring worship music, and free-time opportunities for youth groups to explore this incredible coastal region. For more details, see: <https://clubministries.com/surge/>

If you are interested in attending this retreat, **please contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551 or woods777@aol.com**. If we take a group, we will also need adult chaperones. The cost will be minimal, as the registration fee will be covered by the youth fund. I do have some youth interested, so I will be submitting a group registration this week. I need to know by **May 16** if you want to go.

ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for May is canned fruits and vegetables**. These may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between the CFLC and Beth's office along with grocery bags. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry!

Thanks to the 11 FMCC volunteers at Ashure Ministry last Monday. You represented our church well!!

Thanks to the FMCC Men's group for providing, preparing, and serving the delicious lunch at our annual golf tournament last Thursday. Congrats, also, to our church team who won the church division of the tournament. Way to go, Michael, Charlie, Johnny & Finley!! Two years in a row!

Much appreciation to Eddie Warren for coordinating the meal and the golf tournament.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus said to His brethren, while He was still in Galilee, that the world hated Him because He

- a. offered salvation only to those who believed in Him
- b. performed miracles
- c. welcomed repentant sinners
- d. testified that its works were evil

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT By Our Presence May 12, 2024

Sunday School:
106

Worship:
8:45am Service 175
11:00am Service 114
Total 289

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 13,209.72
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)</i>	
Children's Bank	96.00
Music Fund (Choir Stoles)	700.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	75.00
Total	\$ 14,080.72



NEW
Choir Stoles needed

OUR FMCC CHOIR

As we continue to move forward as First Methodist Church of Conover, some of you may have noticed at the late service that our choir is not wearing the stoles as they once did. This is because

some of them are embroidered with our former denomination's logo. So the choir is going to have to replace the stoles. They have put together the new stoles with Thomas Creative Apparel (Thomas Robes) and are in the process of ordering. Anyone that would like to support the Chancel Choir with the purchase of the new stoles, please make checks payable to FMCC and put "Music Fund - choir stoles" on the memo line.

Praise HIM with voice and song!
Your FMCC Worship Committee

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Attention All Ark/Museum Trip Passengers!

If you are registered for the Ark/Creation Museum trip, you should have gotten a letter with your baggage tags from Christian Tours. If you haven't, please call them ASAP! (800-476-3900)

In addition, you should have gotten an email from me (Beth) last week. If you didn't receive an email, please check your spam folder, then call me if you still don't have it. (336)480-4551

I'm so excited to be traveling with you NEXT WEEK!!! Bus will depart from our church parking lot at 7:30 am Monday, May 20, so please be here a few minutes earlier than that! We will provide water bottles on ice for the trip. Please bring snacks for yourself and to share.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
d. testified that its works were evil
(John 7:7)

CHURCH STAFF

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

Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7)
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James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care Center)
255 Geitner Avenue, Newton, NC 28658



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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

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102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

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1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658



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

**FMCC'S NEWEST MEMBER
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024**



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