

First Methodist Church

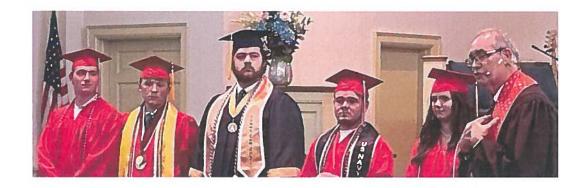
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The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

June 4, 2024

What a Day of Celebration!

This past Sunday, June 2, we celebrated our very accomplished young adults! We give our best wishes and congratulations to our 2024 graduates: Kaela Briggs, Liam Bunton, Drew Fisher, Rylee Garrison, Charlie Herman, Bradley Markland, Laci Matthews, Jacob Sierzenga, and Baker Yount. We also celebrate with Parker Garrison and Elizabeth Hornick, who graduated with college and advanced degrees.



Then, we experienced the joy of awarding the 2024 Connor Scholarship to 19 current or upcoming college students from our congregation. What a blessing the Connor family is to these students with their financial and prayerful support!



Finally, the high school graduates from the class of 2023 and 2024 affixed their handprints and specially chosen "legacy" Bible verse to the wall of the Gray House. This special ceremony is so significant for those who have been a part of our youth program through the years. They were challenged today as they placed their painted handprint on the wall to let this be a reminder of how important it is to keep a tight hold on the hand of God.

Blessings on our young adults!



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:

Eddie & Carol Warren, Lynn & Rita Watson Phyllis Watson, Joy Watts, James, Jonathan & Robert Weaver, Juanita & Hannah Whisnant.

OUR FMCC CHOIR

Thank you to all who have contributed to the purchase of new choir stoles. We have raised a little over half the funds to pay for them. 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

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Bob Goodson will be at Baptist Hospital on Wednesday, June 5th.

MEMORIALS

Music Fund (Choir Stoles)

In memory of Kelly Khattak by: Robin Mays

HONORARIUM

Music Fund (Choir Stoles)

In honor of Harold & Martha Robertson Given anonymously

Our Church Is Growing! Help Us Welcome Visitors!

This past Sunday, as I drove into the parking lot, I saw one of our church members, Lisa Johnson, waiting for her family on the sidewalk. A moment later, she was talking to a man who had just pulled into the lot in his truck. As I neared Lisa, she shared with me that the man was new to Conover and wanted to know what time our services are. Lisa was the embodiment of Christ as she invited this man and his family to join us in worship! Now, this encounter was unplanned, but it got me to thinking... what if we PLANNED these types of encounters every week? What if a church member (wearing a nametag, like Lisa was!) greeted members and visitors as they entered each Sunday? What if we had readily available information to share with people looking for ways to plug into our family? We could impact our community for Christ in even more ways than we already do!



Would you be willing to help? One Sunday a month? One Sunday a quarter? The job is simple... be present outside the sanctuary, smile, say, "Welcome! Would you like a nametag?" and "Would you like some information about our church and our ministries?"

Secondly, I have been asked about the possibility of printing some yard signs for members and friends to display in their yards. These would have our church information along with a message of welcome and invitation. If you would be interested in such a sign, please let me know so I can determine a quantity to order.

In His Service Together,
Beth Woods
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NEWS TO USE

POTLUCK DINNER & CANDY BAR BINGO!





SAT. JUNE 8 5:00 (FLC

ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for May** is <u>canned fruits and vegetables</u>. 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!

If you have volunteered or plan to in the near future, we invite you to a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on June 13. (See insert for more details.) If you can join us, we just ask that you RSVP via Allen's cell, (828) 446-5418 by June 7th, and please include your name and the number of guests who will be coming with you!

You're invited! Join us June 19 at Ashure Ministry for coffee and conversation. From 8:30 - 9:30 you will have a tour and learn more about our ministry that has served Catawba County for 55 years. Reservations required 828-465-1702.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

- "And the truth shall make you free," said Jesus, meaning, free from
- a. the rule of Herod
- b. misconceptions of Jesus' role
- c. servitude to sin
- d. the dictates of the Old Testament

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT By Our Presence June 2, 2024

Sunday School: 145

Worship:

8:45am Service 122

11:00am Service <u>187</u>

Total

309

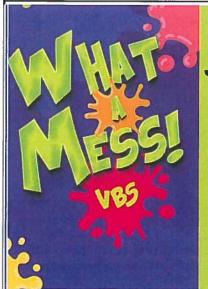
God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 19,405.00

(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)

Children's Bank 135.25 Disaffiliation Fund 300.00 Music Fund (Choir Stoles) 275.00

Total \$ 20,115.25



JUNE 25 JULY 16, 17, 18 AUG 3

VBS Team: Pick
up materials
from Beth at
your
convenience.



Sun. June 9 * 5:30 in CFLC

All rising 6th - current 12th grade youth, please join us for our first meeting in our new youth room in the CFLC!

We will eat dinner together!

Contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551 for questions.

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JOINING SUNDAY is June 9th. You have a place here at First Methodist!

Ready to join the church? We have just the opportunity for you! **Joining Sunday will be June 9**th (at both worship services).

Message Pastor John or the church office if you're ready to be a member of this amazing church family.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz: c. servitude to sin (John 8:31-36)

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

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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.



SWING ON OVER

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM - DINNER SERVED 6:00 PM

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TEAM APPAREL WELCOME

RSVP JUNE 7

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