



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

July 16, 2024

School Supplies and Backpack Program

School will be starting in a few weeks and we want to help where we can to assist children that may not have the funds to purchase school supplies. The Corner Table handles the Backpack Program. They are collecting food items to be sent home with children who need food over the weekend. Please look at the lists of items below and bring them July 21 – August 25. Containers will be located in the narthex and the commons area near the church offices. Thank you for loving and caring for the children of our community.

Missions and Outreach Committee

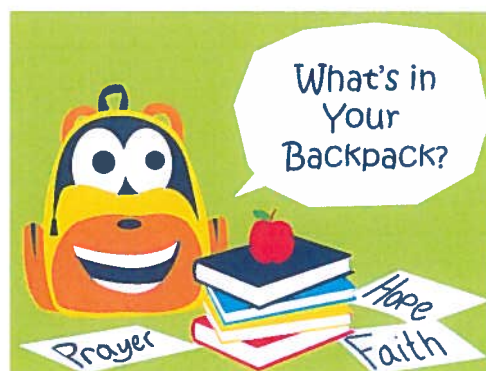
School Supplies: Some of the most requested items:

Backpacks/book bags (no wheels), 24 count boxes of crayons, 24 count boxes of colored pencils (Crayola products are the best.), composition notebooks, paper, glue sticks, pencils, scissors (K- 5th sizes), headphones (Some brands can be found at Walmart for around \$10.00.)
NO ear buds, pencil top erasers, pencil boxes, pencil pouches with clear fronts

Backpack Program:

Kid-Friendly Individual Snack Items: Granola Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Peanuts, Popcorn, Goldfish, Fruit Snacks, Cheez-Its.

Breakfast Items: Cereal Bars, Oatmeal Packets, Cereal Cups, Muffin Mix Packets



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:

Danny & Sandy Baucom, Don, Andrea & Grace Ann Beatty, Jordan Beatty, Hank Beck, Haley Beech, Elaine Biles.

THANK YOU

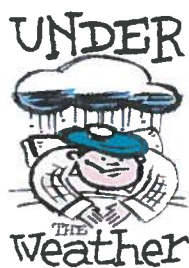
Rick sincerely thanks all of you for the July 4th goody bag - it was filled with so many fun things and so many sweets which are always a welcomed treat!

The cards with your many kind words are indeed a blessing too and we sincerely thank you...our love to our cherished church family! Again, thank you. Linda Parker



JUST A FRIENDLY HEALTH REMINDER....

that in this cold and flu season, please be respectful of those around you during church activities and worship.



If you have symptoms of a cold or the flu (fever, sneezing, cough, running nose), avoid some of the friendly contact many of us like to share (like shaking hands, hugs, etc.) until those symptoms have been gone for at least 24 hours.

Though we would miss you, it may even be a more loving gesture, for your own health and the health of all those at church, for you to stay home to rest and recuperate until "all clear."

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Mary Jane Elizabeth Reese Rudisill, age 91, died Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

A service to celebrate Mary's life was held on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 4:00pm at First Methodist Church of Conover. Pastor John Woods and Pastor Gary Royals officiated.

The family received friends prior to the service from 2:00 - 3:45pm.

Burial followed at Center Methodist Church Cemetery in Catawba.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa, Donna and the family during this sad time.



THANKS FROM THE CORNER TABLE

Church family,
On behalf of the Corner Table, thank you for your continuous support of our feeding programs. As we have seen an increase in the number of people we serve, we are able to meet those needs with the help of your generous donations. Thanks again for your support!

Blessings!

The Corner Table



NEWS TO USE

SUNDAY, JULY 21 MEETINGS

4:00pm Finance Meeting
(Conference room)

5:00pm Church Council Meeting
(Sanctuary)



ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for July** is **healthy snacks for children**. 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!



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Jesus wept," when He

- heard of Lazarus' illness
- met Martha, Lazarus' sister, as He came to Bethany
- saw Mary and the Jews who came with her, weeping
- came to the cave

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence July 14, 2024

Sunday School:
98

Worship:
8:45am Service 148
11:00am Service 142
Total 290

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 13,998.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)</i>	
Children's Bank	<u>42.20</u>
Total	\$ 14,040.20

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Even though Christmas is several months away, it is not too early to start purchasing items for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Right now, stores are inundated with school supplies. Pencils, paper, crayons, erasers, colored pencils, and stickers make such great shoebox items. Along with the school supplies, summer toys and games may be found at reduced prices. If any questions concerning appropriate items, call Anita Deal. What an awesome opportunity to share God's love and blessings!!



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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. saw Mary and the Jews who came with her, weeping
(John 11:33-35)

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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Website:	www.fmconover.org

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

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(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
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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.



By the time you see this, VBS will be underway!! This week, we will learn about how God created a perfect world, but sin messed it up. We will learn about how Jesus paid the price for our mess and how He wants us to forgive each other's messes. We'll have messy snacks, games, science and more!

Even if the sessions are over, please pray that the message continues to impact the children and families we are serving. This is our Kingdom Work and you can be a part of it... even from your home.

And, still to come on August 3, we'll have a morning VBS Celebration Party. This will be at the church (hopefully outside!) from 10:30-12:30. We'll have messy activities and one more chance to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the children of our church and community.

Want to have a fun experience??

Our children are a lot of fun... and it is a privilege to share a few minutes with them during each worship service on Sundays. But I have several Sundays coming up when I'm going to be out of town, either at another church or at General Conference, and I need volunteers to fill in for Children's time. If you are willing to take one of these slots and just share a simple idea or Bible story with our kids, please let me know!

July 21 (Both services)
Sept 22 (Both services)
Sept 29 (Both services)

Beth Woods
(336) 480-4551 or woods777@aol.com



OLYMPIC-SIZED FUN DAY!

July 28: 4:30 – 7:30

All children and youth are invited to a fun sports day (with simple/goofy rules) on July 28. We will be playing modified soccer, basketball, gaga ball, nine-in-the-air and more! This is a chance to just have fun and get in the mood to watch the Paris Olympics that begin on July 29. We'll take a break for dinner that will involve round foods to replicate the Olympic rings.

(Think pizza, hamburgers, donuts... !)

I need some adult help/referees too. Please let me know if you can come.

Beth Woods 336-480-4551

Greeters



Greeters for July 21:

8:25-8:45 – Karl and Vickie Stryker (someone else has volunteered here too...but I forgot to write it down! Thank you to whoever it was!)

10:40-11:00 – Tommi Anderson, Michelle Cloninger, Bev & Gene Swithenbank

Greeters for July 28:

8:25-8:45 – Rona Saunders, Charlie Reed

10:40-11:00 – Tommi Anderson, Michelle Cloninger, Cliff and Debbie Wike

Greeters for Aug 4:

8:25-8:45 – Lindsay Keisler, Michele Moritz, McCoy Keisler

10:40-11:00 – Tommi Anderson, Michelle Cloninger

Greeters for Aug 11:

8:25-8:45 – Kim & Stan Reed

10:40-11:00 – Tommi Anderson

Nursery Help Needed

In order to fulfill our Safe Sanctuary policies, we need at least one person to volunteer each worship service to assist if needed in the nursery. We're still working on exactly how this would work – how we would let you know if you are needed on your day – but please be in prayer about how you could help.

