

## Maundy Thursday Service

April 2

7:00



Communion & Handwashing

## Homecoming Sunday



May 3

one combined  
service at 10:30  
in the CFLC

Sunday School at 9:30

Guest preacher: Rev. Gary Royals

Covered dish lunch to follow.



## Easter Services

- Chancel Choir Cantata - March 29 at both services
- Maundy Thursday Communion and Handwashing - April 2 at 7:00 pm

- Easter Morning Community Sunrise Service - April 5 at 6:30 am at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ (217 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Conover)
- Easter Morning Contemporary Service - April 5 at 8:45 am
- Easter Morning Traditional Service - April 5 at 11:00 am

# Happy Easter!

## MEETINGS - Mark your calendar!

Sunday, Apr 12

12:00 Worship Committee

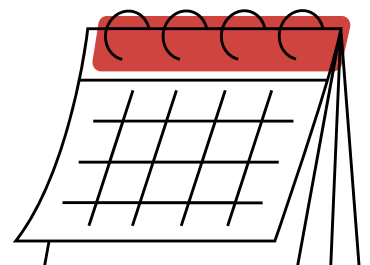
Sunday, Apr 19

12:00 VBS planning

2:30 Trustees

4:00 Finance Committee

5:00 Church Council



He  
is  
Risen!



# EASTER EGG HUNT

**March 29, 2026  
3pm**

Join us for crafts, hot dogs, an egg hunt  
& a guide through the "Journey to  
Jerusalem" Prayer Walk!



Don't miss the last two  
meetings for this school year!

**Sunday,  
April 19  
& May 3  
4:00 – 5:30**

May 3 will be a Luau Themed  
End-of-the-year Awards  
program and party!

JOIN US FOR  
**YOUTH CAMP 2026**  
JOIN US FOR 3 DAYS OF FUN AND WORSHIP AT FORT CASWELL  
IN OAK ISLAND. INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS, INSPIRING WORSHIP MUSIC, AND  
FREE TIME!

**AUGUST  
7-9**

**REGISTER  
BY 5/1**

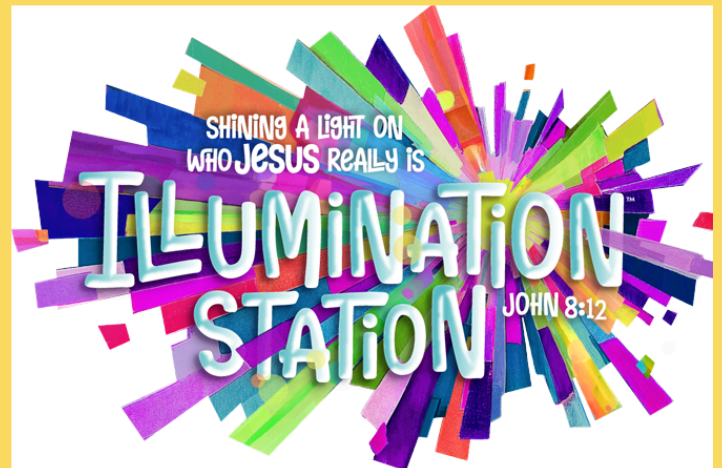
**COST:  
\$242  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE**

sign up here!

**Youth  
CAMP**  
FORT CASWELL

CONTACT  
PASTOR  
JASON SHOUP  
jsgodson@yahoo.com

6TH-12TH GRADES



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

**Mark your calendar!**  
**July 8-11 (Wed-Sat)**  
**Registration info  
coming soon!**



## Ladies' lunch out April 10 at 11:30

At Olde Hickory Station  
232 Government Ave SW,  
Hickory, NC 28602

All ladies are invited to join this outing for fun, fellowship, and food! If your birthday is in March or April, your lunch is covered and you will be our guests of honor.

**Sign up at Beth's office door.**

## First Methodist Men



## Dinner and Fellowship

Thursday, April 16 at 6:30  
All men are invited!



Meeting  
Wednesdays at  
noon in the  
Parlor.

Join us as we pray for our church,  
community, and world!



Queen Esther Circle meets 2nd  
Wednesdays each month at 1:00

**Next meeting: April 8**  
**Faithbuilders Classroom in the CFLC**  
**Speaker: Dianne Hollar -Part 1 of a study of Esther**

Dianne Hollar will begin a 3-part study on the Book of Esther. The first session will focus on chapters 1-3. Bring a lunch at 12:30 for an extra time of fellowship!

### Purposes:

- To grow in relationship with the Lord.
- To delve deeper into our study of the Bible.
- To nurture fellowship and relationship with other women.
- To serve others; to be the light of Christ.
- To be informed on community service and missions.
- To support mission endeavors.

### Projects:

- Monthly monetary support of the Backpack Ministry (through Corner Table.)
- Send cards to our homebound & shut-in members.
- Send cards to our military members with connections to FMCC.
- Honor veterans in a special way in November.
- Support other ministries as agreed upon by the circle members.

**All women are invited!**

*Queen Esther served God "For such a time as this."*

# Kenya Mission Team - Bibles, Supplies, Clothing

Thank you for your generous support of the orphanage in Kenya. Thanks to your faithfulness, we raised \$2,000 with the spaghetti lunch toward the Bibles, supplies and clothing we would like to provide. It will take about \$1,500 more to fully fund all the purchases. The team members are paying their own travel costs and some of the supply costs, but we would like to give others the opportunity to sponsor some of the supplies.

Below is our "wish list" of what we would like to be able to provide. Our top priorities are Bibles, school supplies, and shoes. Due to luggage space restrictions and lower costs of purchases, we will make most of these purchases in Kenya.

**\$15 each (need 40): Plastic clipboard full of school supplies.**

**\$10 each (need 50): backpacks**

**\$10 each (need 40-50): Bibles**

**\$10 each (need 40-50): lace-up shoes**

**\$5 each (need 40-80): simple t-shirts**

**\$5 each (need 40-80): skirts or pants**

**\$10 each (need 20-30): flat twin sheet**

**\$12 each (need 5-8): twin mattress waterproof pad**

**\$150 to buy tables & chairs for meals & schoolwork.**

**Cleaning supplies**

**Personal hygiene products**

Donations can be put in the offering and marked "Kenya Mission Supplies" or given to any team member. If you would like to help with the cost of travel for the team members, please speak to one of them directly. (Candace Brown, Ruth Brown, Lisa Johnson, Beth Woods)



Ashure Ministry is always in need of plastic grocery bags and non-perishable food. See checklist above for monthly food collection requests.

Our church's next volunteer day at Ashure Ministries is Monday, April 6. They would love to see you anytime between 8:30 and 4:30 that day.

Check out: <https://ashureministry.org/volunteer> to see the ways you can lend a hand.

*Returning Sunday, May 10*



The African Children's Choir will be returning for a brief stay with us at the end of their tour. They will be part of our worship services on May 10.

We still need a couple more host homes to house the choir overnight on May 9. If you would be interested, please contact Beth Woods or Pastor John or Pastor Jason.



**We'll be packing backpacks on April 1 at 10:00 at Corner Table.**



# Thank You

Conover First Family,  
I just wanted to let the congregation know how grateful I am for all the prayers and support you have sent to my family. I felt the love and it would lift me up. I feel like I have a second family here at First Methodist Church of Conover.

Thank you again,  
Julie Robinson

Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, and check ins. My doctors are just closely monitoring everything. No answers yet. I am working on getting my strength back. It's all slow coming but I am slowly gaining energy and strength. I look forward to joining you all in person, as my health allows. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter finds you, I'll be back with you all. I do miss you all greatly! We have an amazing body of Christ!"

With love, faith, and gratitude,  
Katie Rockett

Just a note to say a big "Thank You" for the beautiful cards, messages and delicious goodies I have received from so many members of this wonderful church. They brighten my days! To the ladies that bring communion to me, it means so much! Thank you, thank you! God bless you!

Love you all!  
Armando Lagunas

Dear Church Family,  
On behalf of everyone at The Corner Table, thank you for your generous donation. Your kindness and support make a meaningful difference in the lives of the neighbors we serve, helping ensure that families in our community have access to nourishing meals. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and commitment to caring for others.

With sincere thanks,  
The Corner Table

First Methodist Conover.

We are so grateful for every gift, act of service and especially every prayer.

Your support goes far beyond what any one person would imagine. We know God is with us. We are so grateful to serve Him alongside you.

Josh  
Ashure Ministry

Thank you, church family, for your prayers and support. I am so grateful for each of you and the encouragement you have shown. I look forward to sharing more with you about my mission trip to Kenya on April 12th and how God is working through this opportunity.

Pastor Jason

## ARE YOU IN OUR DIRECTORY?



**If you need to add or update a picture, update or complete your information, or if you would like to be added, please contact Beth Woods.**

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

**Beth can also help access the directory online.**

## WITH LOVE & SYMPATHY



Doris Beaver Williams, 87 and mother of Beaver Williams (Marsha) went to her heavenly home on March 13, 2026.

A funeral service was held at 3:00pm on Saturday, March 21 at Forest Park Presbyterian Church. The family visited with friends prior to the service from 1-2:30pm. Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2341 Simonton Rd. Statesville, NC 28625 or to Forest Park Presbyterian Church, 1026 Davie Avenue, Statesville, NC 28677.



## Greeters

Thank you for serving! If possible, please be present outside the sanctuary about 20 minutes before the service starts, smile, say, "Welcome! Would you like a nametag?" Then assist by opening the doors to the sanctuary and direct them to the ushers for a bulletin and further assistance.

- Mar 29:** 8:45 - Kim Little  
11:00 - Mark & Beth Travis
- Apr 5** 8:45 - Kim Reed  
11:00 - Emily, Matt, Emilia & Finn Abernathy
- Apr 12** 8:45 - Burr & Betsy Stoker  
11:00 - Scott & Becky Ross
- Apr 19:** 8:45 - Linda Parker & Eddie Warren  
11:00 - Will & Sue James (outside)  
11:00 - Len & Julie Lawing (hallway)

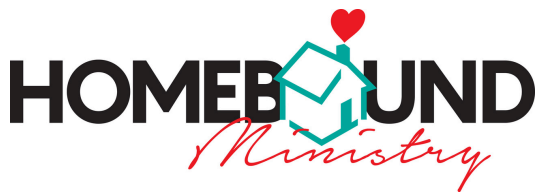
## Nursery Volunteers



We need volunteers to be a second set of hands for our church nursery! Our staff nursery worker is present every week, but there needs to be a second adult for safety and practical purposes.

There is a monitor in the nursery, so you can still watch the worship service!

- Mar 29:** 8:45 - Alexa Rodriguez  
11:00 - Lisa Johnson
- Apr 5:** 8:45 - Beverly Swithenbank  
11:00 - Tamara Hite
- Apr 12** 8:45 - Bill & Jenny Harris  
11:00 - Kim Reed
- Apr 19** 8:45 - Can you help?  
11:00 - Can you help?
- Apr 26** 8:45 - Diane Howard  
11:00 - Kim Reed



## Members in Care Facilities

- Rev. Dixon Adams** - TerraBella Newton  
(Room B7) 1088 Radio Station Road,  
Newton NC 28658
- Dottie Aycock-Harris** - TerraBella Newton, (Room B1)  
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton  
NC 28658  
Her husband, Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919
- Margaret Kilpatrick** - Abernethy Laurels (Memory  
Care) (Room 2027) 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton NC  
28658
- Robert Matthews** - Heritage Care (Room 16) 3430  
Lester Street, Conover NC 28613
- Mary Ann Simpson** - Solista (Room 214)  
915 29th Ave NE, Hickory NC 28602



Easter is a wonderful time to share God's love! Please let these members know we love them with a card, phone call, or visit in the coming weeks. We will not prepare Easter bags since we did them for Valentine's Day, but watch for something special in May!

## Members at Home

- Elaine Biles** - Send mail to her son, Jim at:  
1401 NE Santee Drive; Greensburg IN 47240
- Armando Lagunas** - 1515 28th St Lane SE, Hickory  
NC 28602
- Lee Moritz, Sr.** - 103 County Home Road, Conover NC  
28613 (828) 464-3383
- Lucy Rockett** - 2477 Birdie Ln Conover, NC 28613

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