



# First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

*The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover*

*July 9, 2024*



**Volunteer work sessions:** Thursday, July 11, 2-4 and Friday, July 12, 10-12  
Monday July 15, 3:30- until...

**Volunteer pick-up materials:** Thursday, July 11, 6:30-8

**VBS 2024: WHAT A MESS!** has gotten off to a great start! We had a messy kick-off in the Conover Downtown Park on June 25, with almost 50 kids in attendance (and nearly the same number of adults!) Wow! The scavenger hunt was wild, painting t-shirts was messy, throwing paintballs to create decorations was crazy, the elephant toothpaste was enormous, the dinner was delicious, the sundaes were seriously sloppy, and the Bible story was breathtaking! And that was just the kick-off!

Next week, July 16-18 we will dive into the mess full-throttle! 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!

There are plenty of places for anyone to plug in to VBS. One very important role is that of "Table Buddy," who will sit with the kids during dinner and just visit. I'll have a story book, games, and some questions at each table but you can choose to use them or not. Just sharing your time, words, and smile is enough. If you don't want to be part of making the mess, you can also volunteer to clean up after each evening. Hopefully, it won't be too messy, but we'll need to wipe tables, maybe hose down sidewalks... ???

Another way you can help with VBS is to come to a work session this week. First, in the CFLC on Thursday, July 11, 2-4, and again on Friday, July 12, also from 10-12. At these sessions, I need people to cut out shapes for crafts and games, paint, and assemble room decorations. I will be in my office Thursday night from 6:30-8 for anyone leading a station (science, crafts, games, story, snack) to come pick up your materials.

Then, on Monday, July 15, beginning at 3:30, we will transform the CFLC into a messy wonderland by setting up and decorating tables, stage décor, and stations. Hopefully, this will only take about 2 hours, but we'll work until we're done!

Finally, 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.

It's not too late for kids to register either so spread the word! Registration information is on the church website: [www.fmccconover.org](http://www.fmccconover.org) or available from Beth Woods 336-480-4551 or [woods777@aol.com](mailto:woods777@aol.com).

# **\*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:*

James, Carolyn & Jennifer Ball, Dawn Barbersek & Allen Califana, Jan Barbersek, William, Margrat & Perry Barnabas, Jeff & Anne Barrier, Alex, Hiley & Jolie Baucom.

## **MANY THANKS!**

Thank you all for the calls, cards, texts, food, visits, prayers, and attending the receiving/service for our Dad and Pawpaw. Losing a loved one unexpectedly or, even if it is expected, is never easy. We are grateful for a loving church family that covers us in love and prayers through moments like this one.

Love,

Scott, Andrea, Sady,  
Chase and all of the Little  
family



## **IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL**

Mary Rudisill at CVMC (At home)

## **HONORARIUM Music Fund**

In honor of Charlie Anderson and  
Sharon Hendricks by:  
Mary Rudisill

## **A NOTE OF THANKS**

Thank you for making my 90th birthday so special with cards, hugs and best wishes! I love my church family so much! You are very special to me.

Armando Lagunas



## **HAMBURGER DINNER**

**&**

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**



**SAT. JULY 13**

**5:00PM CFLC**

# NEWS TO USE

## 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!

Thank you to the 11 FMC Conover volunteers for your time and energy last Monday at Ashure Ministry. You are such a blessing!!



## GOODTIMERS

As of now, we will meet for a lunch on Wed., July 17 at 12 Noon in the CFLC! Trying to decide on our usual July cookout of hamburgers/hot dogs or something different (any suggestions?)! I will do an All Call later this week with the details. As usual, I will probably need some desserts!

Eddie Warren 828 464-9643



## PASTOR'S QUIZ

"I am the resurrection, and the life," said Jesus to

- a. Lazarus
- b. Martha
- c. Mary
- d. no one in particular

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**By Our Presence July 7, 2024**

Sunday School:

105

Worship:

8:45am Service 151

11:00am Service 130

Total 281

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

General Fund \$ 16,591.00

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

Children's Bank 88.00

Admin. Asst. CE 370.00

Disaffiliation Fund 4,053.90

Music Fund 200.00

Music Fund (Choir Stoles) 75.00

Preschool Fund (Computer) 1,046.10

Total \$ 22,424.00

## 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:

b. Martha  
(John 11:24-25)

## 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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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



# Greeters



Greeters for July 14:

8:25-8:45 – Rona Saunders, Charlie Reed, Lisa Johnson, Donna Mull, Ron & Ginny Ward

10:40-11:00 – Tommi Anderson, Michelle Cloninger, Jamie Tremble, Jackie Lowdermilk, Gaye Hoke

Greeters for July 21:

8:25-8:45 – Karl and Vickie Stryker

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

## 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)

Aug 4 (Both services)

Sept 22 (Both services)

Sept 29 (Both services)



Beth Woods

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## Pick Up a Sign for Your Yard!

I have nine yard signs available for anyone who wants to claim one! These are available in my office until they run out. If there is more interest, I will order more.

In His Service Together,

Beth Woods

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*at*  
**First Methodist Church**  
OF CONOVER

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 GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

## 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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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

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(828) 464-3383

Mary Rudisill - 706 Flint Court NW, Conover, NC 28613  
(828) 310-0022

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  
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