



# First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

April 23, 2024

## Homecoming! – May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.**

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Angela Pleasants**



**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** is this year's 69th Homecoming Sunday for First Methodist! More than simply a "homecoming" service, it will be a day of celebration & joy as we remember God's work and presence among our congregation and look ahead to the bright future that God has for us.

We welcome the Reverend Angela Pleasants as our special guest for this year's Homecoming. For the past several years, Angela has been the Director of Clergy and Church Relations and part of the Transitional Leadership Council (TLC), the core leadership body shepherding our new Church through its transitional period. Currently, Angela is working on her doctorate while also serving at Friendship Methodist Church in Fallston, NC. Angela is a faithful servant of the Lord and a strong leader in the Kingdom. Some of you may remember Angela was with us several years ago, and we celebrate the gift of her presence with us again.

A **HOMECOMING DINNER** after the 10:30am worship service will allow us to reminisce, rekindle old friendships and look expectantly to the future God holds before us. Our Methodist Men's group will be providing all of the meat and tea, and we're asking church members to bring side dishes (vegetables, salad, etc.) and desserts.

*Invite a friend or church member you've missed lately & join us for  
this very special day!*

*Pastor John*

# \*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:

Troy, Suzanne, Logan & Camden Spencer, Debi Sprague,  
Billy Sprouse, Mike & Jeanette Stewart,  
Mike, Teresa & Jessica Stancil, Jennifer & Brittany Starnes.

## **MEMORIALS** **General Fund**

In memory of Carol Dickinson by:  
Keith & Dawn Garnes

## **Local Missions Fund**

In memory of Carol Dickinson by:  
Clyde & Carol Kistler



## **IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL**

Ron Ward - CVMC (At home)

**CHURCH MEETINGS**  
**Sunday, April 28th**  
**4:00pm Finance Committee Meeting**  
**(Conference room)**  
**5:00pm Church Council Meeting**  
**(Sanctuary)**

## **A NOTE OF SYMPATHY**

Shirley Jean Lyalls, age 67 of Statesville, NC, and sister of Brenda Novotny, died Saturday, April 20, 2024 at her residence.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda & Bill and the family during this difficult time.



## **HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024**

Parents, if you have a **High School senior** who will be graduating this year, we are requesting that you notify Robin at 828-464-4635 or email her at [office@fmccconover.org](mailto:office@fmccconover.org).

We would like to know the following information:  
Name, Address, High School of graduation. Thank you.



## **THE CORNER TABLE** **NEEDS OUR HELP!**

The Corner Table in Newton has asked local churches to support their Feed The Flock Gala by providing the following:

**Gift Cards** (valued \$20+) for a Gift Card Roulette Wheel

**Silent Auction Gift Baskets** – FMCC is providing a **Mother's Day Gift Basket** with items to pamper mom and an **Advent Book Basket** with children's Christmas books. (They can be found on Amazon this time of year.)

There is a clear plastic tote in the Narthex where you can place donations. Gift cards can be placed in the mailbox for "The Nest" or given to Jenny Harris.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the wonderful things The Corner Table does for our community, please call Jenny Harris at (828) 358-5900. Thank you!

# NEWS TO USE

## Youth Retreat Opportunity

**CLUB Ministries** is offering an incredible 3 days of fun and worship at Fort Caswell located in beautiful Oak Island, North Carolina. 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 ... and just before heading back to school! 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 rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested in attending this retreat, please contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551 or [woods777@aol.com](mailto:woods777@aol.com). If we take a group, we will also need adult chaperones.

## ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry red bins for food and bag donations are located in the hallway between the CFLC and Beth's office.

The food **request for April** is canned or dry beans. Any other food is greatly appreciated also.

Thursday, May 9, is Ashure Ministry's annual golf tournament. Last year, FMC CONOVER team won the church division!! Way to go, Charlie, Bruce, Finley, and Michael!

This event at Glen Oaks in Maiden is a fundraiser for Ashure. If interested in being a sponsor or playing, please go online to Ashure Ministry or see Anita Deal.

Once again, our Men's group from FMC CONOVER is providing and cooking the food for the tournament.

And, once again, FMC Conover, you collected the most food and money in the church division of the recent March Madness food drive for Ashure Ministry!! Your support of this ministry for people in Catawba County is amazing. First place team for FMCC was West Virginia University, followed by NC State, Wake Forest, Western Carolina, UNC, and Duke. Of course, the real winners are the clients who benefit from these proceeds. Thank you so much!!!

Thank You!!



## PASTOR'S QUIZ

John the Baptist compared himself to a

- a. father of the bride
- b. bridegroom
- c. friend of the bridegroom
- d. officiating minister

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**By Our Presence April 21, 2024**

Sunday School:  
109

Worship:  
8:45am Service 139  
11:00am Service 108  
247

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

General Fund \$ 12,749.00  
*(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)*

Children's Bank	122.00
Disaffiliation Fund	100.00
Local Missions Fund	<u>50.00</u>

Total \$ 13,021.00

4/18/24: Deposit for Special Designation  
(Gray House Repairs) \$1,500.00

## 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. 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

First Methodist Church  
410 First Avenue North  
Conover, NC 28613  
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Conover, NC

## **“DON'T FLY SOLO” WITH THE NEST**

Ladies of the church, please “fly by” The Nest on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am until noon in the Connor Family Life Center for our next get together. We will have a fun, Bible-based program and refreshments.

You can “fly solo” but we would love for you to bring a friend! If you haven't been to one of the events in the past, it is a fun way to get to know other ladies in the church and community. There is no need to bring anything with you. This is your time to be surrounded and encouraged by other women of faith!

RSVP to Jenny Harris at 828-358-5900 (text or call)



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. friend of the bridegroom  
(John 3:28-30)

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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## 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

**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



**Lee Moritz, Sr., 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613**

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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.



## EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

### LIFE LINE SCREENING COMING MAY 16th

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at First Methodist Church to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160  
text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607  
or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>



**NEWEST BAPTIZED MEMBER  
OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF CONOVER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024**



**Mack James Putzer  
(Baptized Member)**

Parents: Alex & Margaret Putzer  
Sisters: Grace & Blaire Putzer  
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