



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

September 24, 2024

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

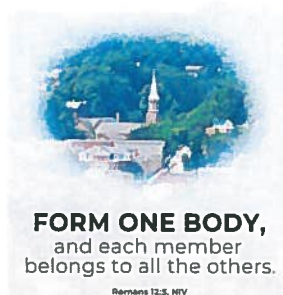
You're familiar with the saying, "I've got your back". The comment suggests that regardless of what circumstances may befall someone, he will not have to face it alone. That's a very comforting concept in today's world where it is estimated that 33% of the world's population suffer from crippling loneliness.

When our church family gathers, loneliness does not stand a chance. We experience the joy of fellowship and the comfort of being surrounded by others who genuinely wish us well. A power manifests itself among the members of our church family – a power that cannot be denied. We are lifted up by association with one another and, in turn, seek greater ways of accomplishing God's will for our lives – individually and collectively. The Bible says, ***"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other"*** (Romans 12: 4-5).

Our church family assures that young parents experience the understanding and encouragement from those who have experienced the stress of rearing children in a world that places unbelievable pressure on our youth. Single parents are bolstered by the support of church members who recognize their struggles and applaud their efforts. Grieving members are surrounded by love and support as they navigate the new sadness through which they must pass. Our youth are recognized for their accomplishments and gain confidence from the encouragement of their church family. Little children are loved and nurtured through the Bible lessons they are taught. Those experiencing medical challenges are surrounded by prayer and love. Finally, senior citizens are respected for their wisdom and resilience in confronting the challenges of aging gracefully. Simply put: We've got your back.

Margaret Garrison

...so in Christ we,
though many,



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:

"Boots" Elliott, Mary Ann Ericson,
Matthew & Jennifer Fiorucci, Alan, Melissa, Jacob & Drew
Fisher, Jane Fletcher, Greg & Joy Flynn.

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."



Greeters for September 29

8:25-8:45 – Bill & Brenda Novotny, Steve & Janice Pitts

10:40-11 – Tommi Anderson, Jackie Lowdermilk

Anyone who wishes to be a greeter, call
Harold Thornburg at (828) 312-1953 - cell;
(828) 464-6826.



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIALS

Music Fund

In memory of Tom Watson by:
Rick & Nancy Wall
Robin Mays

Center of Grief & Healing

In memory of Betsy Hemmings by:
Robin Mays

Sound System Fund

In memory of Mary Rudisill by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

In memory of Tom Watson by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

THANK YOU

Extra special thanks to the "secret angel" who left several dozen fabric zippered toiletry kits in the red bins! Not only did they leave these precious bags, but the bags are filled with toiletry items!! Whomever you are, ??? Please know these bags are being given to our homeless clients and are extremely appreciated by the clients and staff.



NEWS TO USE

ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for September** is **peanut butter and jelly**. All canned food is useful and appreciated, but cans with pop top lids are important for our homeless clients. These may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between the CFLC and Beth's office along with grocery bags.

Ashure Ministry's Annual "Share the Harvest" Banquet is October 19, at Hickory Metro Center. Music is by The Extraordinaires and the meal is prepared by liazzo's.

Tickets are \$40 and MAY BE PURCHASED FROM ANITA DEAL.



CATAWBA COUNTY HUNGER WALK

The Corner Table, Ashure Ministry, and Hickory Soup Kitchen will be hosting this year's Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 13. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds for hunger relief in Catawba County, and to heighten awareness of hunger issues within our community.

All proceeds from the Hunger Walk will be shared evenly between these 3 organizations. Please note the name change with deletion of "Eastern" and the addition of Hickory Soup Kitchen to the Hunger Walk as we now serve the entire county.

Registration forms are available for our church team. Please see Anita Deal for a form or to make a donation. You may also register online at cchungerwalk.com or by scanning the QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board outside Beth's office. Be sure to join First Methodist Church Conover team.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"...for whatsoever a man soweth,

- a. that shall others also reap"
- b. that shall he also reap"
- c. that shall he also sow again"
- d. readiness is all"

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence September 22, 2024

Sunday School:
99

Worship:
8:45am Service 107
11:00am Service 102
GMC Gen. Conf. 2
PAUMCS Retreat 1
Total 212

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 9,785.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)</i>	
Children's Bank	17.00
Center of Grief & Healing	30.00
Music Fund	55.00
Sound System Fund	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,987.00

HANDBELL REHEARSAL!

Handbells will resume practice on Monday, October 14th at 6pm in the handbell room, just behind the Sanctuary.

Are you interested in joining? Try it out! You don't have to read music, just know your two favorite colors, your left from your right, and how to count to 4! You'll do great and we'd love to have you!

Contact Shannon Rogers at 828.244.6124 or srog101@gmail.com



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2024 FLOWER CHART

We still have some open dates on the flower chart in October, November & December.

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. that shall he also reap"
(Galatians 6:7)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods pastor@fmconover.org (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell 208 2nd St NE, Conover
Office Administrator / Financial Secretary	Robin Mays office@fmconover.org
Coordinator of Lay Ministries	Beth Woods woods777@aol.com (336) 480-4551 - cell
Music Director/Choir	Jon Rogers jsrogers99@gmail.com (828) 244-7019
Music Director/Praise Team/ Pianist	Shannon Rogers srog101@gmail.com (828) 244-6124
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

STILL MORE NEWS TO USE

HELP WANTED

Sunday School Weekly or fill-in – We need a few more teachers and assistants in our children & youth Sunday School department. Specifically, we need another teacher/leader for the 4th-5th grade class and a second person/assistant for the youth (6th-9th grade) class. (See Andrea Little or Beth Woods.)

Youth counselors – our youth group is small but growing! And they are a lot of fun to hang out with. We need several more adults who are willing to give a bit of yourself and your wisdom to be present for youth meetings. I promise you'll get blessed in return!

Shut-in Visitation - Wednesday, Oct 9, noon – join us right after the Chosen Bible Study for lunch and a special project for our shut-ins. We will go in teams to visit and deliver a treat to each of our home-bound or nursing home members. See Susan Hunsucker or Beth Woods for more details.

Workday -- Thursday, Oct 10, 10 am – we will be painting several hundred wooden crosses that will be given away at Harvest Festival. All materials, brushes, and paint will be provided. Just wear clothes that can get messy and plan to have a good time! At this time, we will also have materials for assembling visitor bags and Harvest Festival goodie bags. I will also have the stickers to be put on the hymnals available at this time, but the work can be done at your convenience.



NO MEETING Sept 29

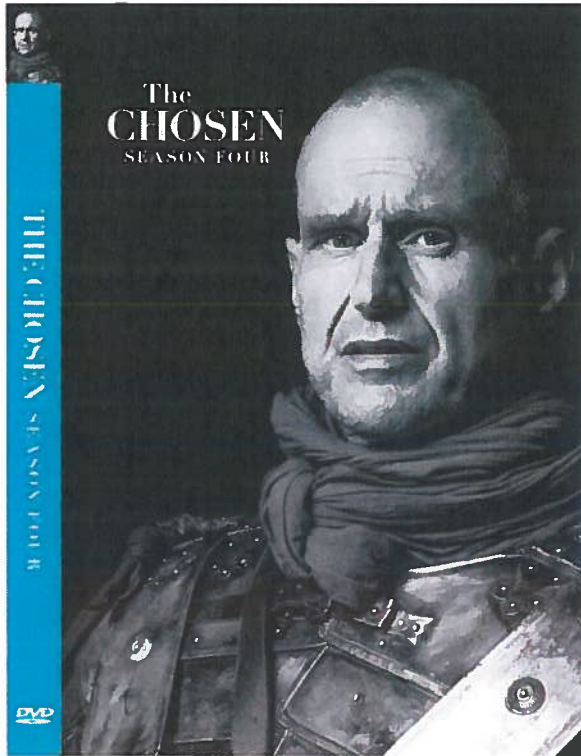
Sun, Oct 6: 5:00-7:00 meet at church to go putt-putting & get dinner out

Sun, Oct 13: Catawba County Hunger Walk

Sun, Oct 20: 5:00-7:00 meet at church to help prepare for Harvest Festival (Dinner provided)

Sat, Oct 26: all day! Volunteer at Harvest Festival – set-up in the morning, run game 2-5, clean-up afterwards (Come for as much as you can!)

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE



FALL 2024 BIBLE STUDY

THE CHOSEN: Season 4

8 week study ♦ led by Pastor John

**Tuesdays, 7:00pm - 8:15pm or
Wednesdays, 10:30am - 11:45am**

Episode 1 is Oct. 8th / 9th ♦ Cost: \$10

You may watch the videos at
www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen.

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO
SIGN UP and to pick up a book!
(828) 464-4635.**

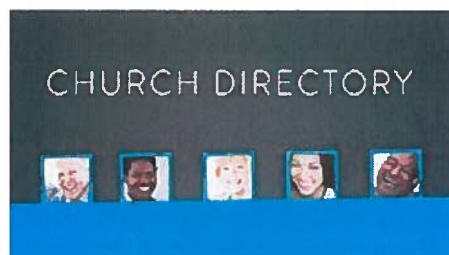
Pastor John

New Church Directory Coming Soon!

You may have noticed that our church family is growing. And that is wonderful! We want to help members and friends get to know each other by providing names and contacts in an easily usable format. To that end, we will be creating a new church directory soon. This will be available in both digital and print format and will be easy to update regularly, so it won't become outdated. The photography will be done in-house, so you won't have to face a high-pressure sales pitch.

So... 1) If you are in the current directory, please check your information for accuracy, and 2) watch for a letter in the mail soon that will tell you how to participate. We are aiming for 100% inclusion and accuracy!

We do need a few people who are willing to help make this happen. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to type and proofread contact information and several volunteers who are willing to take pictures. We will have stations for photography on Sunday mornings and a few other days in October.





CROSS KINGDOM MINISTRIES

PRESENTS

living loved

women's conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

VENUE:

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
410 1ST AVE NORTH, CONOVER
10AM - 2PM

HOW TO LIVE LOVED IN AN
UNLOVING WORLD

♥ **TERRI BROOME**
SPEAKER & AUTHOR OF
THE ORDINARY ROAD &
TENDER WARRIOR

♥ **SARAH DEIBLE**
SPEAKER & AUTHOR OF
UNVEILING FREEDOM

♥ **WORSHIP**

♥ **LUNCH BY
LIAZZO'S
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♥ **DOOR PRIZES**

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by Oct 12



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

SAT, OCT 26 2-5 PM

This year's Harvest Festival for Jesus will be held October 26 from 2-5. We will open our grounds to the community for an afternoon of games, prizes, and sharing of our faith. An event of this magnitude needs a lot of workers, and we still have a place for YOU! Here's a list of SOME of our needs:

- volunteers to help for as little as 30 minutes, up to 3 hours helping children safely get on and off inflatable slides and bounce houses (CONTACT ANITA DEAL: 828-320-3194)
- volunteers to help children safely get on and off hayride wagons (CONTACT LOIS GOODSON: 828-465-2005)
- groups or individuals to run a carnival game-type booth (we have resources to help you plan this!) and give away smiles, prizes, and a moment of God's love (CONTACT SUSAN HUNSUCKER: 828-612-4319)
- groups or individuals to assist children with crafts and to paint faces or hands (CONTACT BETH WOODS: 336-480-4551)
- golf carts or similar vehicles that we can borrow to help with set-up and clean-up and shuttling visitors from distant parking (CONTACT ANTHONY PRICE: 828-228-6467)
- music... do you know of a performer or group that would be willing to provide live music for 30 minutes – an hour? (CONTACT ANTHONY PRICE: 828-228-6467)
- volunteers to prepare and serve food (CONTACT RALPH HATCH: 910-340-2039)
- volunteers to give away Bibles, pray with visitors, monitor antique cars on display, or serve as floaters to help other workers (CONTACT BETH WOODS: 336-480-4551)
- household items (think yard sale...) to give away (CONTACT KEN JOHNSON: 828-244-4759)
- volunteers to paint wooden crosses to be given away (In the CFLC on Oct 10 at 10 am!)
- candy and other prizes to be given to our visitors (Orange bins will be in the narthex and commons area.)
- anyone willing to hang a poster in a public location (Pick them up from Beth's door anytime!)
- PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE INVOLVED AND ALL WHO WILL ATTEND!

Wednesday, Oct 23, Thursday, Oct 24, Friday Oct 25 and Saturday morning, Oct 26: Help set up boundary fences to keep children safely out of the road, set up tables, chairs, platforms, signs, and other infrastructure.

After the close of the festival:

- Take-down, Clean-up and Store-away EVERYTHING. Many hands make light work. Please plan to help if you can!

Thank you! Beth Woods (email: woods777@aol.com or call/text: (336) 480-4551.)

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

Dottie Aycock-Harris - Terra Bella Newton (Room ????)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658
(704) 460-4919 - Ron's cell phone
noghost@bellsouth.net - email address



James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care Center)
Mail to: Jeanette Davis
210 Leonard 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



Lee Moritz, Sr. - 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 464-3383

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.

October 2024

October 2024							November 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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27	28	29	30	31									

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
		1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pray. Shawl room)	1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 3:15-5:15pm Lilly-Ann Stewart (CFLC) 7pm Choir practice	6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	4-9pm D. Rudisill - decorate (CFLC for Educational Society) 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	9am-2:30pm Educ. Society (CFLC)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
00-World Commun. 08:45am Cont. Worship 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship 5pm Youth Meet at	09am-Vol. Day at Ashure 3:30-5pm Lilly-Ann Stewart (CFLC - practice)	7-8:15pm Chosen 4 Bible Study (CFLC)	10:30-11:45am Chosen 4 Bible Study (CFLC) 1PM - Queen Esther's 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	6:00pm Con. Comm. Partners (Crossroads) 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	5pm Dinner/Game Night (CFLC)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
08:45am Cont. Worship 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship 3-5pm Lilly-Ann Stewart Youth-Catawba Co.	3:30-5pm Lilly-Ann Stewart (CFLC - practice) Columbus Day (United States)	7-8:15pm Chosen 4 Bible Study (CFLC)	09am-Goodtimers' Trip 10:30-11:45am Chosen 4 Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot 3:15-5:15pm Lilly-Ann Stewart 7pm Choir practice	6:30-9pm Methodist Men (CFLC) 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	5:30-6:30pm Neighbor's Table (CFLC & Kitchen 4-7pm)
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Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Larissa Vigue Nathan Williams	2 Adam Stewart	3 Ralph Hatch	4 Walker Drum	5 Bob Goodson Kathy Rockett Rick Wall
6 Eleanor Hedrick Everest Hedrick Brent Rudisill	7 Mike Stancil Krystal Thetherow	8 Dixon Adams	9 Shelby Baggett Gaye Hoke Evan Punch	10 Jeb Keisler	11 Betsy Stoker	12 Jennifer Hefner
13 Torie Peterson	14 Virginia Thornburg	15 Ray Elkin Bryan Ross	16	17	18 Nickolas Joyner Julie Miller Guynell Sears Holly Sherbert	19
20 Clarence Hood Nova Vigue Patricia Walling	21 Doug Black Sarah Butler Elle Choppa Gloria Davis Grace Putzer Mackenzie Rogers Jamie Thornburg	22 Tyler Conner Jeff Thornburg	23 Amiya Haggins Robin Little Bart Lowdermilk	24 Crystal Morrow Christine Osborne Bonnie Otterberg Madison Thornburg	25 Alex Baucom LaRue Black Matthew Hefner Carrie Lindsay	26 Glenda Yount
27	28 Jon Rogers Teresa Stancil John Walker	29 Tanner Rockett	30 Margaret Allen Dawson Chambers Levi Hefner Cheryl Krantz Rita Watson	31 Zachary Garrison Eli Hedrick		

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 William and Brenda Novotny	2	3 Ralph and Patricia Hatch Tony and Jenene Nellenbach Kent and Annette Walker	4	5
6	7	8 Gray and Ginger Doub	9 Alan and Jamie Thornburg	10	11	12 Bryan and Donna Ross
13	14	15	16	17	18 Charles and Lucy Rockett	19 Michael and Addie Copeland
20 Lionel and Krystal Totherow	21 Matthew and Jennifer Fiorucci	22 Tyler and Elizabeth Conner Gary and Kelly Little	23 Corey and Lindsay Keisler	24 Stan and Judy Lail	25	26 Doug and LaRue Black
27	28 Kenneth and Martha Johnson Chip and Dana Little Mike and Jeanette Stewart	29 Jason and Jina Loftin	30 Coleman and Taylor Carter Bart and Jackie Lowdermilk	31		