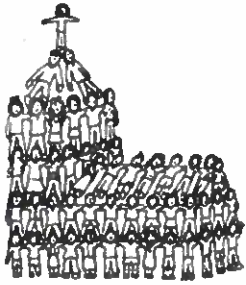




First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

August 12, 2025



There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. God has placed each part in the body just as He wanted it to be. If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body.

The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you!" The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you!" In fact, it is just the opposite.

You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians Chapter 12 selected verses

First Methodist Church is an amazing body of believers! Some of you are passionate about teaching; some love to visit; others serve through food. There are "behind the scene" folks and "up front" leaders. Some are hands and feet, others are eyes and mouths. We need everyone! The body of Christ needs ALL its parts.

Your Visioning Team who met earlier this year has accepted the challenge to help every person at First Methodist Church find the right spot to be in ministry. We don't want to ask the "hands and feet" people to do the jobs better suited for the "eyes and mouths" people. We want to honor every person's God-given gifts and Holy Spirit-led passions.

In order to help you find your best ministry spot, the Visioning Team will be offering a Spiritual Gifts survey soon. Now, before you groan and say, "Not the Dreaded Survey!!" Let me assure you that we are working to make this process quick, painless, and even fun! We want to give you the opportunity to tell us about your own interests, skills, and life experiences so we can help you choose ministry areas that will give you a sense of fulfillment. We're not recruiting just to fill in spots on committees. We want to help you respond to God's call on your life.

So, over the next few weeks, we want to challenge you to prepare for this by:

1. Praying for God's discernment,
2. Thinking about activities that give you a sense of accomplishment,
3. Watching for more information about when and how to participate.

Many of you are already serving in vital and exciting ways. No one wants to take you out of the service areas you are in, but you might learn something about your own gifts by participating. Of course, this opportunity is completely optional, but we encourage everyone to take the time to participate so that our Conover part of the body of Christ is as healthy and strong as it can be!

Blessed to be serving Christ with you!

Beth Woods, on behalf of the Visioning Team

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:

Rodney & Darlene Burgess, Buck & Anne Calloway,
Dick Carmichael, Michael & Laurie Cashion,
Steve & Alice Christmas, Jimmy & Cindy Clark.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 17

8:45am - Rebecca Stewart
11:00am - Jenene Nellenbach

August 24

8:45am - Beverly Swithenbank
11:00am - Cindy Clark

August 31

8:45am - Need help
11:00am - Need help

We need volunteers. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Beth via email at woods777@aol.com or call her at (336) 480-4551.

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Gladys Mae Philips Moose, age 87 of Conover and the mother of Johnny Moose, died Thursday, July 31, 2025 at Conover Nursing & Rehab Center.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Bennett Funeral Service in Newton. The family received at Bennett Funeral Service prior to the service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Johnny, Denise, and the family during this difficult time.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Lin Howe at (CVMC) at home
Powell Sigmon at CVMC (at home)

Greeters for August 17

8:45am - Joyce & Armando Lagunas
11:00am - Thomas Garlow

August 24

8:45am - Angela & Ryan Garrison
11:00am - Jayne Davis

August 31

8:45am - Ruth Brown
11:00am - Diane & Randy Howard

If you would like to greet your church family on Sunday mornings, please contact Nancy Wall at (704) 325-0330.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,014.63 to Rising Hope Farms. We honor the children of First Methodist for their support. Rising Hope Farms has served our special needs community for 18 years. It is amazing seeing how God's hand moves through this ministry using volunteers, donors, horses, parents & children. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



MEMORIAL Local Missions Fund

In memory of Gilda Pennell by:
Clark & Susan Strickland



NEWS TO USE



The Ashure Ministry food request for **August** will **be canned food**. 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.

During the month of July, FMC Conover provided:
58 pounds of food
16 volunteers
190 volunteer hours

Thank you for your support of Ashure Ministry!
Anita Deal

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 10, 2025

Sunday School:
106

Worship:
8:45am Service - 123
11:00am Service - 159
Total 282

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 12,130.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>	
Ashure Ministries	100.00
Children's Bank	50.00
Local Missions Fund	50.00
Youth Fund (Youth Camp)	<u>2,300.00</u>
Total	14,630.00

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Philip Richard Sanders, age 72 of Kings Mountain and the father of Jenny Harris, died Saturday, August 9, 2025.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 12:00pm in the Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel in Kings Mountain, NC with Reverend Mike Chambers officiating.

The family will receive friends prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home from 11:00 - 11:50am.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jenny, Bill, Michael and the family during this difficult time.

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Deborah Osborne, the mother of Christine Osborne and the grandmother of Carter Rathbone, died Sunday, August 10, 2025.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time. An "All Call" will go out once we learn of the arrangements.

Please keep Christine, Carter and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Yes, it will be shoebox time soon! Right now with school supplies in many stores and summer toys reduced, it is a good time to start purchasing items for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. This year, soap is not allowed in the boxes. All else remains the same as last year.

Happy shopping!!



BACK PACK PROGRAM (CORNER TABLE)

The Corner Table is asking for volunteers on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10am-11am beginning in

September until June to help pack grocery bags with 7 to 8 items so school children will have something to eat on the weekends. The address is 1925 Tate Blvd, Hickory, NC 28602.

The packed bags will be for school children who will have something to eat when not in school. There are 160 bags distributed weekly to all the schools in Catawba County.

It is not hard work, just walking in a long loop, placing canned or boxed food items in a plastic grocery bag, tying a knot in the bag and placing the bag in a large bin.

We would like to get at least 10 volunteers who could help with this ministry once a month to help feed these kids who may go hungry otherwise.

Thank you, Kevin & Nancy Boggs
(828) 381-9105

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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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

MORE NEWS TO USE

Members in Nursing Facilities	Members at Home
<p>Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Dottie Aycock-Harris - TerraBella Newton, (Room B1) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658 Her husband, Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919</p> <p>James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) Mail to: Jeanette Davis 102 Leonard Avenue, Room 210, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Margaret Kilpatrick - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) (Room 2010) 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Robert Matthews - Heritage Care (Room 16) 3430 Lester Street, Conover, NC 28613</p> <p>Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Assisted Living (Room 107) 4174 Shook Road, Claremont, NC 28610 (828) 381-4988 - Rick's cell (828) 381-7328 - Linda's cell</p> <p>Mary Ann Simpson - Kingston Residence (Room 214) 904 2nd Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601</p> <p>Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C1) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658</p>	<p>Elaine Biles - In a nursing facility in Indiana. Send mail to her son, Jim at: 1140 S. Michigan Ave. Greensburg, IN 47240</p> <p>Don Hedrick - Mailing address: PO Box 542, Claremont, NC 28610 Physical address: 4028 E US Hwy 70, Claremont, NC 28610 His wife, Cheryl's phone (828) 381-7956</p> <p>Armando Lagunas - 1515 28th St., Lane SE Hickory, NC 28602</p> <p>Lee Moritz, Sr. - 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-3383</p>



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

PRAYER WALK & HARVEST FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

It is hard to believe it has been almost a year since our last get together, but it has.....
I would like to invite anyone that has helped in any manner (no matter how) with the Prayer Walk or the Harvest Festival to come to my family's tent at Balls Creek Campmeeting. So all from both services can get there, please plan to be there by 1:30. You can arrive earlier if you prefer. As always, there is plenty to do with the crew.

What's Happening: 3rd Annual FMCC PWHFV Sunday Luncheon

Where: Balls Creek Campmeeting Tent #94 (back of tent is along road - will see blue balloons)

When: August 17th at 1:30

I need to Bring: Your favorite....picnic special.....reunion delicacy.....finger licking goodness.....or whatever you think will tickle this group's taste buds.

Loading and unloading is behind tent, but the only parking is across road only.

Dress appropriately.....as it is always a little warm on a Sunny August Sunday Afternoon under the tin roofs.

Come and join us for a wonderful and blessed afternoon of fun and fellowship and entertainment. (We know who has the banjos, now who has a fiddle(s) and guitar(s)?)

I for one cannot wait to see all of you there.

Oh, how wonderful is our GOD.

Anthony Price
828-228-6467 (text with any questions)



Queen Esther Circle
Wed, Aug 13 at 1:00
Faithbuilders Classroom

First of 3-part Bible study on Ruth.
Led by Dianne Hollar.
Those wishing more time to visit are invited to
bring a bag lunch and meet at 12:30.

All women are invited!

Christian Yoga/Exercise Class for All



Thurs, August 14
10:00 – 11:15
CFLC

Please bring 2 lightweight
blankets or beach towels.

**Good
timers***

**Wednesday
August 20**



10:45am - Morning Worship / Senior's Day
at Balls Creek Campground
2090 Buffalo Shoals Road
Dr. Ray Rummage -
First Methodist Church, Maiden, NC

Lunch on the grounds after this service; bring
a covered dish to share. Cups, plates, utensils,
ice water and drinks will be provided by the
Campground. (We will take a cooler with ice
from the church to keep food cool.) Seating is
in pews or you may bring chairs.

Come join us -- rain or shine!

Meet at church to carpool at 10:15
or at the Campground by 10:30.
Parking around Arbor or on
Buffalo Shoals Road.

* Goodtimers is for retirees or anyone available
during the day!

Statewide GMC Laity Convocation to be hosted by First Methodist



**"Tender Hearts, Strong Faith:
The Ephesians 4:32 Experience"**
Saturday, Sept 6, 9-3

The Lay Ministry Team of the NC Global Methodist Church has planned this event for all laity and clergy (that's everybody!) to come together for inspiration, connection, and practical help for being in ministry together. Our church is hosting this convocation, but it is open to all (members or not...), so invite a friend!

Come together for a transformative time of fellowship, worship, and learning as we explore what it means to live more fully into our Global Methodist identity of Holy Love in all our ministries. This is your invitation to be renewed, equipped, and united in our calling to embody Christ's Holy Love in every aspect of ministry and life.

Lunch is also provided.

Register by calling the church office or Beth Woods. Register online on the NC Global Methodist Church Annual Conference Facebook page.

Kick-Off Party



**Sunday,
August 24
5:00 – 6:30**

Cubbies
3 - 5 Year Olds

Sparks
Grades K - 2nd

Truth & Training
Grades 3 - 5

Youth
Grades 6 - 12
will also meet
during this time

**STUDENTS: Bring your backpacks
to church Aug 24 for a blessing!**



**VBS in the park was wonderful!
Thank you to all who helped!**



HARVEST FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

PLEASE COME HELP US MAKE PLANS!

SUN, AUG. 24  **2 PM**

**JOIN US FOR A
TIME OF PRAYER**



**6:30 Every Tuesday
in the Parlor (upstairs)**

Heartfelt meets weekly for about 45 minutes to pray for our church, specific needs, and our world! If you have a prayer request or would like to share in the blessing of this ministry, please join us or contact Tommi Anderson (828) 238-5717.

If you cannot join us on Tuesday evening, feel free to come by the church and pick up a weekly prayer list (left in the Parlor each week) and pray at a time that works for you. Also, feel free to leave prayer requests in the Parlor or on the Altar in the Sanctuary.



The Shelter of Hope
is looking for sponsors.

**JOIN US AND
SPONSOR A BED**

Name your bed
here:



Would you consider being a sponsor for a male, female or children's bed? For just \$30 a month you can make a positive impact on one of our homeless clients.

When you become a sponsor you have the privilege to pray for an individual, send encouraging notes, and develop a personal connection.



Establishing a personal connection is not required, but encouraged. Monthly updates will be provided.

If you are in need of services, would like a tour of our campus or want to provide support in any way (volunteering, monetary or gift in kind donations), please contact Andrea Beatty at andrea.beatty@uss.salvationarmy.org or call 828-851-0017.



*Concert on Sunday,
September 7
at 7 pm*



**Music
for Life**

We have the privilege of hosting the **African Children's Choir** for the opening concert of their 2025-26 touring season. You don't want to miss this fabulous concert!

Part of hosting includes providing **housing**. We still need 3 more homes that can host 2 children and an adult. We will host them for three nights (Sept 6, 7, & 8). Please talk to Pastor John or Beth if you are able to help with this.



If you receive a text or email that looks like Pastor John (or any of our staff) asking for help such as buying gift cards or similar, please do

not respond. Many churches have been hit with this scam.

Simply delete the message!

Pastor John will never ask you for such "favors" through texts or email.

If in doubt about the validity of any communication, check the originating phone number or email against what's listed in our directory or newsletter.

