



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

October 22, 2024

HARVEST FESTIVAL

IT'S FESTIVAL TIME THIS SATURDAY! Get excited!!

As in years past, our theme for our Harvest Festival is **"Bringing in the Sheaves."** Imagine the atmosphere of the county fair... games, exhibits, food! But it's all FREE and every booth proclaims the love of Jesus! That's the goal of our Harvest Festival for Jesus. Our community looks forward to the Festival every year.

We will have two giant inflatable play areas, four tractor-drawn hayrides, and displays of vintage cars, trucks, and farm equipment as well as vehicles from various emergency services. Groups and individuals will be hosting games (bag toss, floating duck game, etc.) and craft areas. We will also enjoy demonstrations from a group of square dancers. Our fearless food crew will be preparing hot dogs and fixin's to give away. Our guests will have fun "shopping" in the free-giveaway "yard sale." Then, they can participate in a cake walk and pick out a yummy dessert to take home. And, in the center of it all, we will be giving away Bibles and devotional books and taking prayer requests. Everything will be free to our guests, especially the warm welcome from our congregation!

This is an impactful outreach that you, THE church provides to the community showing the **Love of Christ, our Lord**. So, we are asking each person from First Methodist to help **Reap the Harvest for Christ** with your time and gifts.

Time -

- If you can volunteer time this coming Saturday, whether it be an hour or two or three, come join us. You will be blessed by the children and families. Not able to stand? No problem, we will provide seating.
- Just want to come help clean-up? We will start at 5, the more the merrier and the quicker it goes!
- Staging and set-up, (assembling stage for square dancers, moving tables and chairs, putting up a boundary fence to protect children, putting up signs, helping organize yard sale give away items, etc.) Wed, Thur, & Fri beginning at 10 am; Sat beginning at 9 am
- Stuffing bags and writing notes for Bibles to be given away, Thurs at 10 (inside CFLC).

If you have volunteered or would like to add your name to the volunteer list, please check in before 1:30 at the volunteer spot near the only entrance (in front of the office). If you don't know where you will be serving, we can match you to an open spot. We will gather for a group prayer at about 1:45 before opening our "doors" to guests.

If you can't volunteer, please still support the event with your prayers for safety, for opportunities to share the gospel, and for guests' hearts to be opened to hearing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Gifts -

- Need to clean out the garage or that closet? Donate those unwanted or "why do I have this" items to the "give-away yard sale." The giveaway blesses so many in need, you never know what the smallest of things or those "why would someone want this" means to another person. Bring to the church any day this week!
- Baking items (cupcakes, muffins, cookies, pies, cakes, etc.) for the cake walk. Homemade are the best, but purchased from your favorite grocer works really well too.
- Donating candy or small prizes for the various game stations to give away.

"We shall come rejoicing bringing in the Sheaves!" - Oh, how our church is bringing the sheaves!

Anthony Price (828) 228-6467 and Beth Woods woods777@aol.com or (336) 480-4551

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:

Brandon, Catie, Eli, Ellis, Elliott, Everest & Eleanor Hedrick,
Don & Cheryl Hedrick, Crystal Hefner,
Jeffrey, Jennifer, Matthew & Levi Hefner,
Robert Hefner, John Hemmings.

Hurricane Helene Relief

We are collecting all kinds of supplies, however, the most pressing needs are:

- First aid supplies, including over-the-counter medications (i.e. Tylenol, Benedryl), triple antibiotic ointment, any antihistamines, antifungal creams, and antiseptics
- Food or gas gift cards
- Paper products (plates, napkins, cups)
- Socks
- Non-perishable food
- Ensure supplemental drinks
- Manual can openers
- Diapers (adult and baby)
- Baby Formula
- D Batteries
- Laundry Detergent

Pray
for those
impacted
by Hurricane Helene.

Items may be placed in containers located in the commons area on the office level. They will be taken to a NC GMC collection site in Maiden. Thank you for your support of our brothers and sisters in western North Carolina.

MEMORIAL General Fund

In memory of Alice Spencer by:
Cliff & Debbie Wike



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mark Hamilton at CVMC (ICU)

WITH SYMPATHY

Alice Sigmon Spencer, age 86 of Conover and mother of Mike Spencer, died Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Carolina Caring Hospice House in Newton.

A service to celebrate Alice's life was held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 2:00pm at First Methodist Church in Conover. Rev. John Woods officiated. Burial followed at Catawba Memorial Park in Hickory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike, Anne, and the family during this sad time.

THANK YOU

Dear Church family,
Thank you for all the cards, texts, messages, calls & food that you lovingly sent to our family during this most difficult time. As we had to say good bye to our precious mother, mother-in-law, grandmother & great grandmother Alice Spencer. We appreciate your love & kindness. It was an absolutely beautiful service in every way. Bless you all.

Mike & Anne Spencer & Family

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Sallie Ruth Rich James of Davie County, NC and mother of Wyllis James, died Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

A memorial service for Ms. James will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Farmington Methodist Church. A private burial will take place in Farmington Community Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to:

Farmington Methodist Church
1939 Farmington Road
Mocksville, NC 27028

Our thoughts and prayers are with Wyll, Sue and the family during this sad time.

NEWS TO USE

ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for October** is **hygiene items**. 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

It's SHOEBBOX TIME!! Don't forget to get one or more Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes located in the narthex, Sunday School hallway, and CFLC. Labels to indicate whether your child is a boy or girl and their age range are on the tables with the shoeboxes. The label is to be taped to the outside of your box, and the envelope with your \$10 S&H should be placed in the box. Happy shopping and packing!



"MURDER AT THE MALL-MART"

When: Saturday, November 2

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Connor Family Life Center

Ticket Cost: \$20 adults & \$10 children 10 and under

Proceeds donated to "Carolina Caring's Grief and Healing Center."

To purchase tickets, use a colored envelope available in the Narthex. Write your name, how many tickets you wish to purchase and your guests' names. Include your payment (cash or check made out to "The Nest") and place completed envelopes in the offering plate or return to Dana Little (828) 320-9904



PASTOR'S QUIZ

The fact that the Gentiles are "fellowheirs" was, to earlier generations,

- a. not known
- b. known, but ignored
- c. known, but misinterpreted
- d. known, and admitted

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT By Our Presence October 20, 2024

Sunday School:
101

Worship:
8:45am Service 138
11:00am Service 137
Total 275

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 8,794.57
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)

Children's Bank 31.00
Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief 600.00
"The Chosen" Bible Study Books 50.00

Total \$ 9,475.57

Greeters for October 27, 2024:

8:45am - Steve & Brenda Heafner

11:00am - Nancy Wall and Sylvia Hansmann

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



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410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
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2024 FLOWER CHART

We still have some open dates on the flower chart for November 10th & December 29th.

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:

a. not known
(Ephesians 3:4-6)

CHURCH STAFF

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| 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 |
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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 |

STILL MORE NEWS TO USE

New Church Directory Update

We are off to a great start! We have photographed over 100 "family units" so far this month. Let's keep going until we have 100%!

We will be taking pictures on the front porch of the sanctuary (weather permitting) before early service and after late service on October 27 and November 3.

I (Beth) am also willing to take pictures any time I am at church (Just stop by or call to make sure I'm in... 336-480-4551.)

If I have taken your picture, please make sure you have also given me an updated information form. Contact me if you need a form (or follow the link on our website: www.fmconover.org.)



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!)

Sun, Nov 3, 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Nov 10, 5:00-7:00 Special meeting – details coming later

Includes dinner – youth room

Sun, Nov 17, 5:00-7:00 Regular meeting with dinner – youth room

Sun, Nov 24, 5:00-7:00 Movie night at church with dinner – youth room

Sun, Dec 1, 3:00-7:00 Help with Family Advent Celebration – CFLC, includes dinner

Sun, Dec 8, 5:00-7:00 No youth – churchwide movie outing

Sun, Dec 15, 5:00-7:00 Christmas party – details coming later

As disaster response efforts continue, many of our own congregation have been able to participate in some hands-on relief projects. Others are willing, but not quite sure where to turn, so we wanted to share this information that was published by the NC GMC Mission Team. These links will also be on our church website (www.fmconover.org) and Facebook page so you don't have to type them in!



Dear NC Global Methodist churches,

The GM Church of NC continues to work together to bring the light and hope of Jesus Christ amid darkness and destruction. Thank you for your patience as we continue to share Disaster Relief information with you.

To personally volunteer with one of the On Mission Network partners in North Carolina, NC Baptists on Mission, (This is who the NC GMC has partnered with for this effort.): <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Helene/Get-Involved>

They are accustomed to accepting volunteers of all types and abilities. The form allows you to choose dates and supply other information for volunteering. Please be aware that the needs may be greater in a few weeks or even months than they are now. This is an ongoing effort!

The NC Conference of the Global Methodist Church is now able to accept donations online at the link below (or scan QR code).

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/6ef0c3d1-897d-4280-9cb0-e74e3a4046cf>

Checks may be made payable to NC PAC and mailed here:

Carolyn Hindel

PO Box 667

Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Please put Disaster Response in the memo line on the check.



Current needs include propane heaters (and propane), sleeping bags and other gear for cold weather, and mattresses (boxed – all sizes). Shipping address for mattresses is:

Haywood Appliance

Attention: Jeff Brotherton

8805 Carolina Blvd.

Clyde, NC 28721

There are also volunteer opportunities through Samaritan's Purse:

https://www.spvolunteer.org/?_gl=1*kzuln*_gcl_au*MTU2ODI3NzA1My4xNzI4OTMxNTE4

Most of all, please continue to pray for all who were harmed and those who are helping!

“Murder at the Mall-Mart”

Please join us for a night of excitement at our annual murder mystery fundraiser dinner, “Murder at the Mall-Mart.” The Methodist Men are cooking the food again so you know it will be delicious!

We only have 175 tickets, so get yours before we sell out. To purchase tickets, use a colored envelope that will be available in the Narthex. Please write your name, how many tickets you wish to purchase and your guests’ names if you know who will be attending. Include your payment (cash or check made out to “The Nest”) and place completed envelopes in the offering plate or return to Dana Little (828-320-9904).

When: Saturday, November 2

Time: 5 PM

Where: Connor Family Life Center

Ticket Cost: \$20 adults and \$10 children 10 and under

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Registration will remain open until November 17th or until capacity is reached. For more details about the season and to register, please use the link below. Once registration closes, we will follow up with further information.

Looking forward to a fantastic season! Please help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity with friends!

Thank you,

Lindsay Keisler - 828-446-3729

Lee Moritz - 828-850-4331

This is the link for the registration form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUx3Ws-LoJcvenY-kHXj6ao2QjVXtx5TKWv1hihuMkZk-Wlg/viewform>

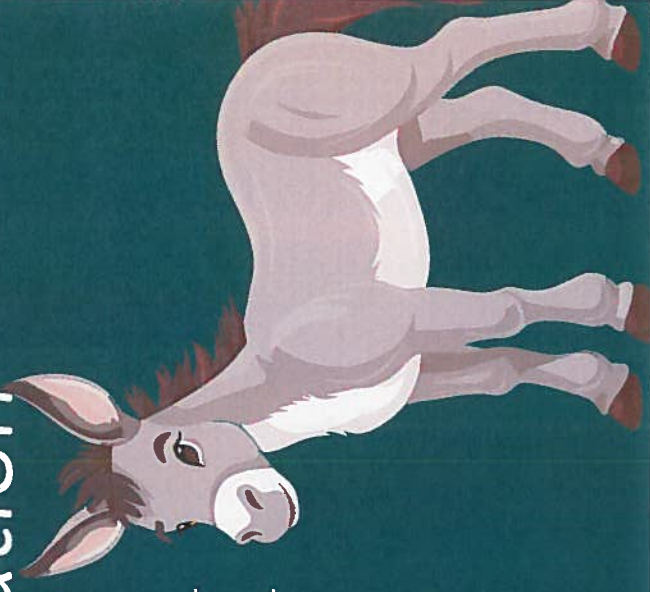
It is also on our Facebook page and website (www.fmconover.org)

YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET

Eli, The Christmas Donkey

GAMES · CRAFTS · DINNER

A family Advent Celebration



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| SUNDAY | DEC | 5-7 PM |
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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

Dottie Aycock-Harris - Terra Bella Newton (Room A5&6)
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

Neil 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



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