



# First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

*The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover*

*April 30, 2024*

## Two Great Sundays Back-to-Back!



### THIS PAST SUNDAY... YOUTH SUNDAY!

What a great message we received from our young members at Youth Sunday this past week! They reminded us that we need to have GOD-FIDENCE! This approach places our confidence in God's sovereignty while recognizing our weaknesses. It keeps our confidence in our big God to work through us and keeps us humble enough to listen to others.

A deep, confident walk of faith starts with a decision to pursue God. James 4:8 tells us that if we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. Let's all commit to praying for our youth as they grow in faith, especially as they face changes and challenges in the world.

We also celebrated the countless hours and unbridled love given to our youth by Dana Little, along with her helpers Jenny Harris and Melissa Fisher, as Dana will be moving her attention to different ministries. What an amazing gift these ladies have given to our youth ministry!

### AND NEXT SUNDAY... HOMECOMING! Worship at 10:30

Sunday, May 5 will be the 69<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Sunday for First Methodist! It will be a day of remembrance and celebration of all that God has done and all that He is still doing among us.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our guest speaker has changed. **Rev. Mickey Moree** will be leading us in worship. As many of you know, Rev. Moree served this congregation from 2003 – 2015. I've heard great memories of his time here and I look forward to welcoming him back!

Immediately after the 10:30 worship service, we will enjoy a meal together. Our Methodist Men's group will provide the meats and tea and we're asking church members to bring side dishes and desserts. So, dust off your favorite recipes and come enjoy great food and fellowship!

**Remember: Sunday School at 9:30, One worship service in the CFLC at 10:30!**

Blessings, *Beth Woods*

# \*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:

Mike & Jeanette Stewart, Jake & Barbara Stines,  
Burr & Betsy Stoker, Karl & Vickie Stryker,  
Theresa Sutton, Bruce & Elizabeth Swanson.

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

In memory of Carol Dickinson by:  
Maryland Epsilon Alpha Delta Kappa  
Sylvia Hansmann  
William & Judy Lloyd  
Marti & Alden English

## **Music Fund (Choir Stoles)**

In memory of Carol Dickinson by:  
Linda Birchfield

## **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

In memory of Carol Dickinson by:  
Mary Ann Simpson

In memory of Adelia Tucker by:  
Winford Tucker

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 19th at 5:00 PM**

We ask that all committee members attend. We had great discussions last meeting and will continue in our next and we want you to be a part of what is happening at your church

We look forward to seeing you there,  
Jeannie & Anthony



**Worship Committee**

## **IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL**

None

## **UPPER ROOMS**

The May / June "Upper Room" devotional books are available for pick-up. They are located on the sofa table outside the Conference Room and upstairs by the water fountain. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going online to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>

## **ATTENTION GOODTIMERS!!!**

Goodtimers - save the date - May 15, 12 noon for our May lunch get together. We will have our May salad and desserts lunch. We plan to have Taco, chef, chicken (grilled and fingers toppings)! If you can bring a dessert, let me know what you will bring!

Thanks!!

Eddie Warren



## **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 – Registration is SOON

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to attend a retreat at Fort Caswell located in beautiful Oak Island, North Carolina. It will be sponsored by CLUB Ministries and will be an incredible 3 days of fun and worship. 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! 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 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. The cost will be minimal, as the youth fund will cover most or all of the registration fee. We need to have at least tentative commitments by **May 12** in order to organize our group and submit a group registration.

## 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.

Monday, May 6th is the volunteer day for FMC Conover at Ashure Ministry.

Any amount of time from 8:30am until 4:30pm would be fantastic. If that day doesn't work for you, please feel free to come another day of the month.



## PASTOR'S QUIZ

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asked for a drink, gave

- a. Him water from the well
- b. Him directions for assistance
- c. others her belief in His divinity
- d. Him warning of danger

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

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT** **By Our Presence April 28, 2024**

Sunday School:  
53

Worship:  
10:30am Service 140

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

General Fund	\$ 6,778.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)</i>	
Children's Bank	3.00
Disaffiliation Fund	125.00
Music Fund (Choir Stoles)	150.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	<u>125.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,181.00

## **Lost and Found**

A container of prescription medication was found in the sanctuary a few weeks ago. If you've lost some, contact Robin in the office to claim it.

## 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



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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:

c. others her belief in His divinity  
(John 4:7-29)

## CHURCH STAFF

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## A LOT MORE NEWS TO USE

### VBS 2024 – new format

Kick-off June 25; main sessions July 16-18;  
celebration Aug 3

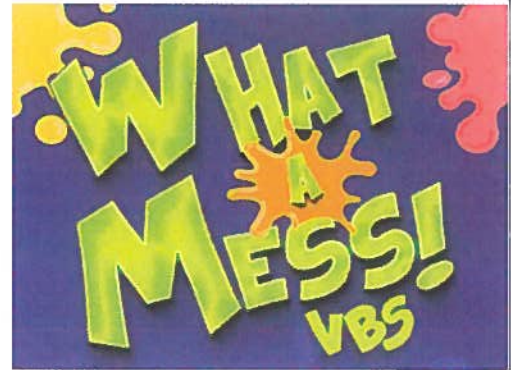
Our VBS planning team has decided to try a new format for VBS this year. We'll have a kick-off session on June 25 which will be designed to generate excitement and be an outreach to the community. We will have three main sessions which will be more like a "typical" VBS on July 16, 17 and 18. Then we will have a fun, celebratory wrap-up on August 3. The team hopes that this format will help reduce the five-day fatigue and will allow families who may be on vacation one week to be able to participate in the other sessions. We will evaluate afterwards to determine if this new format was successful.

The team chose the theme, "What a Mess!" This curriculum focuses on how Jesus deals with our messes: our sins, mistakes, and weaknesses.

All the while, we are going to have *lots* of messy fun, with messy snacks, games, crafts, science, and more! We will also be incorporating ideas from another curriculum that includes scavenger hunts.

We need dozens of volunteers for this ministry... if you're willing, we can find a job that suits your interest! Jobs range from dinner table buddy to group leader to daily clean-up crew. (Did I mention that it's going to be MESSY?!)

Contact Beth Woods 336-480-4551 or [woods777@aol.com](mailto:woods777@aol.com) to sign up to help make some messy fun! Registration information for kids will be coming soon!



### THANKS

Thank you so very much for the cards, calls, memorials in memory of my mother Dot (Doris) Martin.

We would also like to thank you for all the prayers that were lifted up for our family during this time in our lives.

God bless our Church and Church family.

Tony & Kathy Martin



### CHECK OUT THIS EXHIBIT!

At Valley Hills Mall through the month of May on the lower level you can see a variety of art work from students from many of our city and county schools! Based on what I have seen over the years, you will be very impressed with their talents!! Enjoy!

Eddie Warren



## EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

### LIFE LINE SCREENING COMING MAY 16th

**Time is running out ....sign up today!**

Did you know?

"80% of strokes are preventable, according to the American Heart Association and Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease".

You can take advantage of these health screenings today by signing up for the complete stroke screening package which includes four screenings for vascular disease.

Appointment times are filling up! Please don't miss your chance to make your appointment today before the event is full!

Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-844-591-7160** or text the word "**circle**" to **216-279-1607** or visit <https://www.llsa.social/hsca>.



## 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)**

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102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

**Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn (Room 107)**

**PO Box 1599, Conover, NC 28613**

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**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**

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noghost@bellsouth.net - email address

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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.

# May 2024

May 2024							June 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room)	2 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	3 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	4 Set-up for Homecoming (CFLC)
5 09:30am Sunday school -10:30am Homecoming Sunday (CFLC)	6 09am-Vol. Day at Ashure	7 1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pray. Shawl room)	8 1PM - Queen Esther's Circle (Clark Class) 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice	9 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	10 5:30-11:30pm Confirmation class/Putt-Putt 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	11 2-4pm Grad. Party for Brooke Deal (CFLC) 12-5pm Guynell 5pm Ch. Dinner/Game Night (CFLC 4-8pm)
12 08:45am Cont. Worship (Sanctuary) 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship Mother's Day (United)	13	14	15 12:00pm Goodtimers Luncheon (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice	16 08:30am-5:30pm LifeLine Screen (CFLC) 6:30-9pm Methodist Men (CFLC) 6:30pm - Hand & Foot	17 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	18 5:30-6:30pm Neighbor's Table (CFLC & Kitchen 4-7pm)
19 08:45 & 11am 08:45am Cont. Worship 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship 6pm - Baccalaureate	20	21	22 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room)	23 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	24 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	25
26 08:45am Cont. Worship (Sanctuary) 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship 1pm Coulter Reunion	27 Memorial Day (United States) OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED	28	29 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room)	30 10:30am Preschool Graduation (CFLC) 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	31 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class) Last Day of Preschool	Jun 1



**Birthdays**

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sim Horst Quentin Porter Jake Stines	2 John Job Nikki Kelly Ashley Wike EmmaGrace Wike Alice Woods	3 Andrea Little	4 Colt Briggs Elizabeth Rockett
5	6 Julie Lawing	7	8 Laurette Rheeder Karl Stryker Wendy Robinson Phyllis Watson Sybil Windsor	9 Monte Connor Jennifer Fiorucci Eddie Warren	10 Brooke Connor Jack Muller Theresa Sulton	11 Thomas Boston Jennifer Herman Judy Rayburn-Young Jay Shepherd Michelle Sierzenga
12	13 Andrea Beatty Spencer Brackett Jacob Fisher Dottie Harris Nell Johnson	14 Linda Dooley Clyde Kistler Stan Lail Trenia Monk	15 Rachel Hamilton Lee Ann Parris	16 Bradley Clark Jessica Kincaid Mackenzie Thornburg	17 Margrat Bamabas Meredith Geier Susan Hunsucker Brittany Starnes	18 Michael Bryan Lindsay Keisler Mike Matthews Charles Reed
19 Tammy Muller Ginger Rockett	20 Charles Hornick David Workman	21 Crystal Hefner Denise Moose Chris Reynolds	22 Harper Brackett Luisa Bryan Rick Clarke Ginger Doub Jackie Lowdermilk Gerhardt Rheeder	23 Dave Markland Beth Woods	24 Jackie Cagle Windy Mays Maverick Steelmon Dillon Wike	25 Angela Garrison Al Hernandez Bonnie Ingle
26 Amy Hawn Brent Henderson Randy Howard Mary Pinto	27 Mark Murphy Dan Rockett	28	29	30 James Ball Scottie Hentschel Jack Rockett	31 Jo Ellen Knecht Leonard Walling	

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Windy and Robin Mays	2	3	4
5	6 Jody and Michelle Brackett	7	8 Patrick and Crystal Morrow	9	10	11 Carl and Lori Sigmon
12 Tony and Margaret Garrison Doug and Samantha Rockett	13 Jeff and Michelle Sierzenga Troy and Suzanne Spencer	14	15	16	17 Randy and Jody Porter	18 Will and Sue James Pete and Phyllis Robinson Rick and Nancy Wall
19	20 Leonard and Julie Lawing	21 Roger and Lisa Johnson	22 Tara and Cody Brackett Wayne and Sybil Windsor	23 Charles and Mary Hornick	24	25
26	27	28	29 Jonathan and Alyssa Myers Beaver and Marsha Williams	30 David and Ginger Rockett	31 Mark and Lynn Murphy	