



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

October 29, 2024

7 WAYS TO PRAY THROUGH ELECTION YEAR FEARS

This is a big year for our country as we prepare for the election. Anticipation is high as people wonder which candidate will bring peace, prosperity, and unity. But keeping a level head and a prayerful heart is the best way to make the right choices for candidates, issues, and the future of our country.

Here are seven tips to direct your prayers and help you be aware of what is most significant this year. After all, politicians will come and go, but God remains with us for eternity.

1. Pray to Keep Your Head and Heart at Peace and Aware

It can be very easy to let this election get the best of us emotionally. This can lead to arguments, strained relationships, and even extreme actions. Before praying about the election, let's first pray for ourselves, that we keep our hearts attuned to God so we can make peaceful decisions as we vote.

2. Pray to Receive Truthful Information about the Election

There are so many news outlets (both print and online) trying to inform us about the election. But it is best to know what sources are supplying the information to help you most in your voting decision.

3. Pray to Remain Calm in Your Conversations

As next week draws near, it seems everyone wants to voice their opinions on candidates and issues. That can also lead to heightened emotions. If you know someone you'll be spending time with (family, friends, coworkers) who will want to talk about the election, pray that you'll remain calm if the discussion gets heated. As the Bible directs us, honor Christ in every interaction with others.

4. Pray for All the Candidates, Not Just Your Favorites

We all have candidates we hope will win, but it's best to pray for all the candidates, even those you don't particularly like. Pray for protection over their families, friends, and campaign helpers.

5. Pray for Important Issues to Be Addressed Truthfully by All Candidates

Each political party will have issues that are at the top of their lists. But pray that all issues, especially those important to God, will be discussed by the candidates. Pray that they will give honest statements on how they will help resolve issues close to our entire nation.

6. Pray for Safety for All Candidates, Voters, and Election Workers

With strong emotions come the possibility of political events, rallies, and debates becoming violent and combative. We've already seen that. Pray that safety and wisdom will be exercised by everyone.

7. Pray That We Remember, No Matter the Outcome, God Is Still in Control!

We can easily fall into despair if our candidates or top issues don't win. Let's remember that God can still be trusted. He already knows the outcome of this election, He knows who the next president will be, and He knows what the future will bring. He's known since the beginning of time, so we can have peace and assurance that He is the one we can count on, no matter the election results.

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Grace and Peace, *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:

Brent & Carrie Henderson, Eddie & Connie Henderson, Ian, Jess, Lillian & Kyler Henderson, Jeff & Connie Hendren, Justin, Amber, Cole, Greyson & Allie Hendren, Sharon Hendricks.

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Katherine Courtney Brackett Wolfe, age 42 of Statesville and sister of Jody and Cody Brackett, died Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:00pm at Bright Light Baptist Church in Statesville, NC. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 5-6pm at the church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jody, Michelle and family and Cody, Tara and family during this difficult and time.

James Ross, age of and father of Bryan Ross, died Sunday, October 27, 2024.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time. We will send out a phone tree message when they are completed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bryan, Donna, Jessie and the family during this difficult time.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 6:00pm

WHERE: The Conference Room

NEW ADDRESS

FISHER, ANDREW
330 NIMITZ USS COLE BEQ 6301
GREAT LAKES, IL 60088-3024

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mark Hamilton at CVMC (At home)

IT'S CHRISTMAS! THE ANGELS ARE SINGING!

Hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner and it is time to order **POINSETTIAS**. Order one or two or more for: The glory and honor of your Lord; That loved one that is celebrating a glorious heavenly Christmas; That loved one that you see every week or that lives around the world and will see in a few weeks; In honor of someone you hold dear

Whatever the reason, lets flood the church with the color of celebration as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, **JESUS!** What a wonderful name!

Order forms are located on the railing near the organ bench in the Sanctuary. Fill out your form, attach your payment and place in the box. Any questions please see Jeanne Laws or Anthony Price.

****ALL ORDERS MUST
BE IN BY
NOVEMBER 17th****



MEMORIALS

Sound System Fund

In memory of Tom Watson on his November 1st birthday by:
Brenda Watson and the family.

In honor of all the office volunteers for the year by:
Robin Mays

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those who have sent cards, visited, prayed and given us a sense of comfort during our time of need during Mike's cancer treatment - God is good.

Mike & Greta Induni

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.

First Methodist Church Conover volunteer day at Ashure Ministry is Monday, November 4. Any amount of time from 8:30 til 4:30 would be greatly appreciated!

Once again, First Methodist Church Conover, you have been the hands and feet of Jesus by your acts of service at Ashure Ministry. In September, our church had 17 volunteers to provide a total of 214 hours of serving others in our community. There was also a total of 46 pounds of food donated. This food donation goes along with 3 trunk loads of bags and egg cartons!! THANK YOU!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

It's SHOEBOX 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!

Deadline for shoeboxes to be returned to the church is Sunday, November 17, 2024.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Let not the sun go down," wrote Paul, "upon your

- a. idleness"
- b. wrath"
- c. idolatry"
- d. faith"

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT By Our Presence October 27, 2024

Sunday School:
116

Worship:

8:45am Service	145
11:00am Service	129
Total	274

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 9,465.00
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(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)

Children's Bank	49.00
Harvest Festival (T-Shirt)	20.00
Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief	2,000.00
Preschool Fund	1,000.00
Sound System Fund	300.00

Total	\$ 12,834.00
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Greeters for November 7, 2024:

8:45am - Powell & Virginia Sigmon

11:00am - Mark & Beth Travis

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



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR THIS SATURDAY NIGHT BEFORE YOU GO TO BED TO BE AT CHURCH ON TIME!!!

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410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
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"MURDER AT THE MALL-MART"

When: Saturday, November 2

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Connor Family Life Center

Ticket Holders Only

Fundraiser for: Carolina Caring's Center for
Grief and Healing

Carolina Caring's Center for Grief and Healing addresses loss by providing one-on-one counseling, support groups, and grief workshops. Children and teenagers grieve differently than adults and find comfort and healing through our Brighter Days grief program. Services are offered to the families of our hospice patients, as well as members of the community who have experienced a loss but were not serviced under Carolina Caring's program of hospice care.

Offerings coming up to attend:

Grief Share workshop: Surviving the Holidays on November 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 at Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Rd in Newton, NC. There are also three other locations available on Carolina Caring's website.

Grief and Glitter: a holiday workshop on December 14th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am for ages 6 to 14.

To register, please call 828-466-0466, ext. 3201 or email wspurling@carolinacaring.org. All support offerings can be found at CarolinaCaring.org/

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. wrath"
(Ephesians 4:26)

CHURCH STAFF

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Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
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Website:	www.fmccconover.org

STILL MORE NEWS TO USE

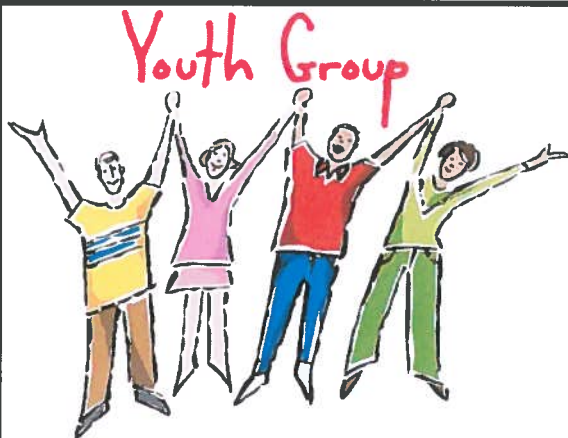
THANK YOU! **THANK YOU!** THANK YOU!

These words are not enough to express our appreciation to everyone who gave of themselves to make our 2024 Harvest Festival so successful! This ministry truly takes thousands of hours – put in by many, many people – to make it a safe, inspiring day for our community.

And every task -- from welcoming and shuttling people, feeding hundreds, and hosting games to sharing Bibles and prayers to monitoring hayrides, inflatables, cake walk, and the restrooms, to giving away all kinds of yard sale items -- is important. We have many extraordinary volunteers who give so much of themselves to help our community feel how very much Jesus loves them. The 1,022 guests who attended were greatly blessed by the love they found at our church. A special "thank you" to Anthony Price, who guides and directs every aspect of this ministry, and to all who helped set up and clean up, shared golf carts or donated baked goods, candy, and other prizes!

Although our campus is back to normal, this ministry is not over. Please continue to pray for the hearts of all who were touched by this. We had a "prayer request" box that collected prayers and each Bible had a handwritten prayer inserted in it. We don't have to know the particular needs of each person in order to pray for them. God knows their hearts!

WE 
VOLUNTEERS



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

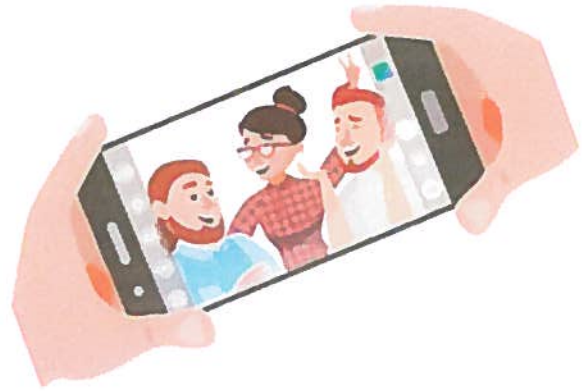
Sun, Dec 15, 5:00-7:00 Christmas party – details coming later

EVEN 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 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.)

Churchwide fellowship Meal and Game night

Saturday, November 9 at 5:00
in the Connor Family Life Center

Please join us for a chance to expand our fellowship and get to know each other better. Wear your nametag! (Please!)

We will enjoy fellowship and a warm meal. Meal provided, (menu TBA) please bring desserts!



After dinner, we will mingle and play board games or cards (or dominos... or any other type of game... puzzles, maybe?) Bring a few of your favorites! Whatever we play, we will be enjoying making new friendships and building stronger bonds of fellowship.



Registration will remain open until November 17th or until capacity is reached. Skills Day is November 23rd from 8am-1pm. For more details about the season and to register, please use the link below. Once registration closes, we will follow up with further information.

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.fmccconover.org)
Skills Day is November 23rd from 8am-1pm.

Church family:

We need people willing to share a 3-5 minute devotional or encouraging word with the spectators during half time for each game (2 games per Saturday) and people willing to prepare coffee and provide snacks for the spectators during both games. Costs can be reimbursed.

Games will be: December 14 & 21; January 11, 18, and 25; and February 1.

YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET

Eli, The Christmas Donkey

GAMES · CRAFTS · DINNER

A family Advent Celebration



SUNDAY

DEC

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5-7 PM

First Methodist Church
410 First Avenue N, Conover

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

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



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



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NOTES

We have Sunday School classes for all ages.
Hand & Foot is a card game; all are welcome to come play!
Queen Esther is a women's group with a monthly program.
Goodtimers is for retirees or anyone who is free during the daytime.
Neighbor's Table is a monthly meal for anyone in need.
*Call the church office for more info on any of these opportunities.



Directory photos - anytime
Beth is in the office (ASAP!)
(typically 9-5 M-Th -- call to
confirm: 336-480-4551)

3 Directory photos 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth meeting	4 9:00 Volunteer day at Ashure Ministry	5 1:00 Prayer Shawl 7:00 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study	6 10:30 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study 1:00 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	7 Directory photos - anytime Beth is in the office (ASAP!) (typically 9-5 M-Th -- call to confirm: 336-480-4551)	8 All Day CLFC reserved (set up for Mystery Dinner) 6:30 Dominoes	9 All Day CLFC reserved (set up for Mystery Dinner) 5:00 pm Murder Mystery Dinner
10 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth meeting	11	12 7:00 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study	13 1:00 Queen Esther Circle 1:00 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	14 10:30 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study (rescheduled from Wednesday) 6:30 Hand & Foot	15 6:30 Dominoes	16 5:00 Fellowship meal and game night
17 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 2:30 Trustees 4:00 Finance Comm. 5:00 Church Council No Youth meeting	18	19 7:00 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study	20 10:30 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study 12:00 Goodtimer's luncheon 1:00 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	21 6:30 Hand & Foot	22 6:30 Dominoes	23 5:30 Neighbor's Table 8 am - 1 pm Hoops Skills day (CFLC)
24 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth movie night at the church	25	26 7:00 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study	27 10:30 <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study 1:00 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	28 6:30 Methodist Men 6:30 Hand & Foot OFFICE CLOSED 	29 6:30 Dominoes	30 Dec 1 -- 5-7 Children's family Advent Celebration

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Cody Brackett Kimberly Reynolds Cameron Sherbert	4	5 Troy Spencer	6 Saryn Pennell Betty Prater Danielle Sigmon	7 Corey Keisler Zander Spencer	8 Cindy Clark Addison Punch Donald Scronce	9 Hollie Williamson
10 Buck Calloway	11 Justin Cote Taylor Little	12 Toni Dilley Tim Hawn	13 Michelle Brackett Mary Mason	14	15 A. Hite	16 Ellis Hedrick
17 Roger Johnson Chip Little	18	19 Jody Porter	20 Maddox Conner Madilynn Conner McKenzie Morrow Wyatt Rockett	21 Mark Deal	22 Ayvah Hearne Jeannie Houston	23 Beth Boston Fara Dellinger Ennmett Wike
24 Damian Gibson Larry Lowdermilk Eva Mays Neika Peterson Vata Shook Winford Tucker	25 Patricia Hatch Jailyn Kimsey Jerry Patterson	26 Bradley Markland	27 Danny Baucom Sandy Baucom Sue James Chase Little	28 Daniel Barbersek Ann Cook	29 Anthony Price	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6 Dixon and Margery Adams	7 Elbert and Lee Ann Parris	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Harry and Trenia Monk
17	18 Al and Kay Kale	19	20 Chris and Amber Boston	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Jeff and Anne Barrier	30 Jack and Gaye Hoke

**NEWEST MEMBERS OF
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF CONOVER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**



**Justin & Amber Hendren
(Full Members)**

**Greyson, Cole & Allie Hendren
(Baptized Members)**

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