



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

May 28, 2025

EVANGELISM

I had a conversation this very week with someone who told me he's been telling some of his friends about Jesus. And he's invited them to come to our church with him! It got me thinking. When you hear the word, "Evangelism" what do you think? It is both an awesome and daunting responsibility to share the gospel with others. I don't know everything about personal evangelism, but I have come to learn about several misconceptions.

MISCONCEPTION NUMBER ONE: MOST PEOPLE HATE TO TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE. Some try to avoid it, but many are happy to have the discussion. Most of the time, the problem is we're not comfortable talking about the Bible, and that makes others uncomfortable. Think of your favorite subject. What did you do to learn how to talk about it to someone else? Are you comfortable talking about it? Can you put the same attitude and effort into talking about the Bible? If we demonstrate that we are comfortable talking about the Bible, others will be too. *"As He spoke these words, many believed in Him"* (John 8:32).

MISCONCEPTION NUMBER TWO: I JUST DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO TALK TO SOMEONE ELSE ABOUT THE BIBLE.

The truth is: you know more than you think you do. The barrier is our own comfort level. We just need to start the conversation. *"But what if I don't know something?"* There's nothing wrong with telling someone that you don't know the answer. Tell them, "I'll find out and get back to you later." The church at Corinth had many questions. They wrote a letter to Paul to get them answered. Sometimes we need to get answers from someone who knows a little more about the Bible. This is OK and people will understand if we need to do this.

MISCONCEPTION NUMBER THREE: I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT. You really do. It's not necessarily leading a personal Bible study. It can be visiting people, inviting someone from work, or just chatting with your neighbor. Getting out into the community, getting involved, and making contacts is the best personal approach. Getting to know people is a big part of evangelism. Most people today respond to Jesus because a friend talked to them about Him. Can you be a friend?

MISCONCEPTION NUMBER FOUR: NOBODY IS GOING TO RESPOND ANYWAY. This is a defeatist attitude. Of course nobody is going to respond if we don't share anything. When you do, however you never know who is going to respond. Remember, the Holy Spirit is a part of what's going on. Consistent steady efforts are the key to any successful endeavor. How many successful salesmen do you know who gave up after their first attempt? It takes time, effort, and consistency.

God commands us and empowers us to be His witnesses (Matthew 4:19; Acts 1:8). Your testimony - or the story of how you came to trust in Christ—might not always be accepted, but through the Holy Spirit, you can let His light shine through your words and serve Christ. (See Ephesians 5:18 and Luke 11:13.)

The biggest barrier to this is almost always ourselves. But the stakes are too high, and the souls of others hang in the balance. Let's resolve to make an effort to evangelize our community. *"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, 'lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!'"* (John 4:25).

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John



EVANGELISM:
Sharing Christ With Others

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:

Dan, Jamie, Ethan & Wyatt Tremble, Wesley & Brandie Tucker, Winford Tucker, Diane Turbyfill, Rebecca Vechik, Kent, Annette, John & Betsy Walker.

HONORARIUM

Preschool Fund

In honor of Arden Keisler by:
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JOIN US FOR A TIME OF PRAYER



6:30 Every Tuesday in the Parlor (upstairs)

Heartfelt is a group that 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.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember your June birthdays and June wedding anniversaries **Sunday, June 1, 2025** by bringing your offerings to the altar. Please give \$.10 for every year old and \$.25 for every year married. This is to help the children's church bank.



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

GREETERS for June 1

8:45am - Karen Windham
11:00am - Gaye Hoke & Jackie Lowdermilk

June 15

8:45am - Mark & Rita Deal
11:00am - Carolyn & Jim Ball

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

June 1

8:45am - Rebecca Stewart
11:00am - Donna Ross

June 8

8:45am - Melissa Johnson
11:00am - Kim Reed

June 15

8:45am - Erin Moritz
11:00am - Donna Mull

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 CHURCH MEETINGS

2:30pm
Trustees Meeting (Crossroads)

4:00pm
Finance Meeting (Conference room)

5:00pm
Church Council Meeting (Sanctuary)

These are very important meetings in the life of the church. If you are on any of the committees, please attend if possible. Thank you.

NEWS TO USE



Ashure The Ashure Ministry food request for May will be condiments including salad dressings, mayonnaise, catsup, mustard, hot sauce and BBQ sauce. 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.

Monday, June 2nd, is FMCC's designated day to volunteer at Ashure Ministry. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. If that day is not convenient for you, please volunteer another day. Thank you.

Anita Deal

Grief Support Program

Save the Date! – June 23 at 6:00-7:30 pm

Annette Walker, member of First Methodist and Director of Grief Services at Carolina Caring, will be offering a program she calls "Grief 101" for us. This program, scheduled for Monday, June 23 at 6pm, is aimed at helping people who have suffered a loss, but the information is good for all of us as we support loved ones in grief or prepare our own hearts for future grief. Galatians 6:2 reminds us to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus' phrase, "for this is the law and the prophets," refers to His admonition to

- a. seek first your heavenly Father's kingdom.
- b. judge not, that you be not judged.
- c. be not anxious about the morrow.
- d. do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 25, 2025

Sunday School:
96

Worship:
8:45am Service - 180
11:00am Service - 127
Total 307

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 12,293.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>	
Children's Bank	78.67
GMC Relief Fund	200.00
Preschool Fund	500.00
Total	\$ 13,071.67

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."

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2025 FLOWER CHART

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

If you wish, you may make a donation in lieu of flowers and use the silk arrangements that are available.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
d. do to others as you would have them do to you.
(Matthew 7:12)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods pastor@fmconover.org (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell 208 2nd St NE, Conover
Minister of Youth/Outreach	Jason Shoup jsgodson@yahoo.com (828) 381-1174 1409 5th St. Ct. NE, Conover
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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

MORE NEWS TO USE

Members in Nursing Facilities

Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

Dottie Aycock-Harris - TerraBella Newton, (Room B1)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658
Her husband, Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919

James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care)
Mail to: Jeanette Davis 102 Leonard Avenue, Room 210,
Newton, NC 28658

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 Assisted Living (Room
107) 4174 Shook Road, Claremont, NC 28610
(828) 381-4988 - Rick's cell (828) 381-7328 - Linda's cell

Gilda Pennell - Abernethy Laurels (2103 Noble)
102 Leonard Avenue Newton, NC 28658

Mary Ann Simpson - Kingston Residence (Room 214)
904 2nd Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C1)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

Members at Home

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

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

Charlie Reed - (At son Greg's house)
4476 Red Hill Circle, Denver, NC 28037
His wife, Rona's cell: 828-244-3450



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



Pick up Printed Church Directory

If you requested a printed church directory (by signing on the pew pad) but haven't picked it up yet, they are available in the narthex. These directories have name labels on them, so please be sure to find yours.

If you haven't requested one, but would like Beth to print one for you, please let her know. (336) 480-4551 or woods777@aol.com.



CHURCH MEETINGS JUNE 1, 2025

Trustees Meeting - 2:30pm
Finance Committee Meeting - 4:00pm
Church Council Meeting - 5:00pm



EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE



Our Nurture Committee has formed a group of caring "Sisters in Christ" who send cards, gift bags, and other encouragement to our members who are going through a difficult time.

If you would like to join this group, you are welcome to attend a meeting any 1st or 3rd Wednesday of the month. Upcoming meetings are 6/4 and 6/18 at 10:30 in the Prayer Shawl room. If you have other questions or know someone who would enjoy a card or visit, please contact Kim Reed 217-552-2853 or Cindy Clark 828-302-3217.

Sisters in Christ Birthday Luncheon Friday June 6th at 11:30 at Western Steer

All women of the church are invited to a luncheon at Western Steer in Newton on Friday, June 6th at 11:30. We will be honoring those who have birthdays in May and June. Lunch is on your own, except for the birthday girls who will be treated.

There will a sign-up sheet across from the conference room. Please sign up by Friday, May 30th. Is your birthday in May or June? Let us know by putting a star by your name. If you have any questions, call Jeanette Stewart (828) 315-0821, Cindy Clark (828) 302-3217, or Jean Slate (910) 624-9843.

Invite a friend and come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.



Karen Windham will be offering a once-a month yoga class with Christian music and prayer. This is a guided class offering modifications and is a class that is taught "to the class." You will be using chairs and the wall for support. You will begin to explore your capabilities; and as a result, learn strategies to adapt to external and internal stresses. You will examine your strength and balance through creative poses and shapes.

This class is open to anyone who wants to get stronger or improve balance and flexibility in a supportive environment.

Initial class dates for this class are: June 12, July 17, and August 14. Classes will begin at 10 am in our Connor Family Life Center and will run for about 60-70 minutes to allow participants to move at their own pace. Suggested equipment that will help you get the

most out of the class include: a yoga mat, beach towel, yoga blocks, and a yoga strap.

If you are interested in participating or have other questions, *please contact Karen Windham at kafawindham4@gmail.com or (828) 381-9551.*

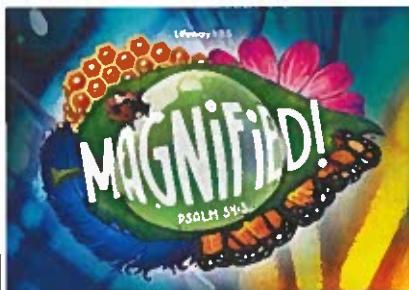
STILL MORE NEWS TO USE

PASTA FELLOWSHIP DINNER

MAY 31 AT
5:00



BRING DESSERT TO SHARE!



Vacation Bible School 2025 For Kids and Adults!

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together!*

Save the dates! Sessions for children ages 3- 5th grade will be held 5:30-7:30 on July 13; July 20, 21, and 22; and 10 am - noon on Saturday, Aug 9.

AND... We will also have VBS for Adults on July 15 and July 16 from 10 am – noon, with lunch to follow at noon. These sessions will be led by Beth Woods and will include Bible study, music and even a fun craft activity! Watch for more details soon.

We still need volunteers to lead the children's sessions. Please see Beth if you can help with crafts, games, music or shepherding the children.

WORKDAY: We will meet at **10:00 on Thursday, May 29** to work on materials and decorations for Vacation Bible School. It's going to be BIG! All hands are welcome for this workday.

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 Worship 10:00 S. School 11:00 Worship 2:30 Trustees 4:00 Finance Comm 5:00 Church Council	2 9:00 volunteer day at Ashure Ministry	3 5:45 Youth go to Skateland 6:30 Heartfelt Prayer	4 12:30 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	5 6:30 Hand & Foot	6 6:30 Dominoes	7
8 8:45 Worship 10:00 S.School 11:00 Worship	9	10 6:30 Heartfelt Prayer	11 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Queen Esther Circle 7:00 Choir practice	12 10:00 Christian Yoga 6:30 Hand & Foot	13 6:30 Dominoes	14
15 8:45 Worship 10:00 S.School 11:00 Worship	16	17 6:30 Heartfelt Prayer	18 Goodtimers TBA 12:30 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	19 6:30 Methodist Men Dinner 6:30 Hand & Foot	20 6:30 Dominoes	21 5:30 Neighbor's Table
22 8:45 Worship 10:00 S.School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth Game Night	23	24 6:30 Heartfelt Prayer	25 12:30 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	26 6:30 Hand & Foot	27 6:30 Dominoes	28
29 8:45 Worship 10:00 S.School 11:00 Worship	30 6:00 - 7:30 Grief 101	6:30 Heartfelt Prayer	12:30 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	6:30 Hand & Foot	6:30 Dominoes	

NC GMC Annual Conference in Winston-Salem

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Beth Woods: 336-480-4551

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June Birthdays

- 1
Liam Bunton
- 2
Sharon Hendricks
- 4
Kevin Haney
Steve Wike
Will James
- 9
Gary Herman
- 11
Julie Patterson
- 13
Beaver Williams
Jayne Davis
- 14
Charles Rockett
Hernan Puga-Luna
Silas Wike
- 15
Drew Fisher
Lucy Rockett
- 16
Michael Thornburg

- 17
Chris Cooke
Kim Thornburg
- 18
Jenny Harris
- 19
Ethan Tremble
Leonard Lawing
- 20
Don Hedrick
Leah Workman
- 21
Pierre Rheeder
- 23
Jarrett Rheeder
Mike Stewart
- 24
Mary Jean Hollar
- 25
Jolie Baucom
- 26
Ryan Garrison
- 28
Lee Moritz, Sr.
- 29
Sophie Job

June Anniversaries

- 4
Mark & Beth Travis
- 5
Pat & Alice Woods
- 6
Cliff & Debbie Wike
- 9
Ronnie & Jean Hampton
- 17
Alex & Hiley Baucom
- 18
Mike & Kelly Matthews
- 19
Pierre & Laurette Rheeder
- 21
John & Beth Woods
- 23
Lynn & Rita Watson
- 24
Dave & Jan Morrow
- 25
Chris & Mary Ann Cooke
Randy & Diane Howard
- 26
Emmett & Jane Wike
- 28
Ray & Judy Elkin
- 29
Eddie & Connie Henderson
- 30
Armando & Joyce Lagunas

