



# First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

*The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover*

*April 29, 2025*

## *Homecoming Sunday*



# May 4

**one combined  
service at 10:30  
in the CFLC**

**Sunday School at 9:30**

*Covered Dish lunch to follow.*

*Bring your favorite dish  
and invite a friend!*

# **\*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:*

Mary Ann Simpson, Jean Slate,  
Lauren & Roxxi Spencer, Mike & Anne Spencer,  
Samantha & Zander Spencer, Saiylor Spencer-Wooten,  
Troy, Suzanne, Logan & Camden Spencer.

## **A NOTE OF SYMPATHY**

Carol Woods Ribet, 87 and sister of Pat Woods, died Friday, April 18, 2025.

A funeral service was held for Carol on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 1:00pm at Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church. Interment followed at Burke Memorial Park.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat & Alice and the family during this sad time.

## **A NOTE OF SYMPATHY**

Robert "Bob" Lee Bollinger, 95 and the father of Cheryl Hedrick, died Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at his residence.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00am at Tabernacle Baptist Church. The family received friends prior to the funeral service. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Cheryl & Don and the family during this sad time.

## **NEW ADDRESS**

**Andrew Fisher**  
USS IWO JIMA  
UNIT 100318 BOX 2916  
AE, 09516

## **IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL**

Everest Hedrick at Duke

## **GREETERS NEEDED**

We are in need of greeters at both services on Sunday mornings. If you would like to greet your church family on Sunday mornings, please contact Nancy Wall at (704) 325-0330 and let her know you are available for the 8:45 or the 11:00 service.

## **HONORARIUM**

### **Prayer Walk**

In honor of all who helped make the "Journey to Jerusalem" prayer walk a success by:  
Jean Slate



## **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/>

# **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.

# NEWS TO USE



## ASHURE NEWS

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, May 5th is our church's volunteer day at Ashure Ministry. Hope to see you there!

Anita Deal

## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember your May birthdays and May wedding anniversaries **Sunday, May 4, 2025** by bringing your offerings to the altar this Sunday at our Homecoming service at 10:30am. Please give \$.10 for every year old and \$.25 for every year married.

This is to help the children's church bank.



## PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where

- a. kings and princes confiscate."
- b. invading armies pillage."
- c. thieves break through and steal."
- d. floods will sweep away."

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 27, 2025

Sunday School:  
103

Worship:  
8:45am Service 152  
11:00am Service 130  
Total 282

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 13,067.07
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>	
Children's Bank	85.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
Prayer Walk	50.00
Total	\$ 13,302.07

## More Hands Needed in Our Nursery



Our church is growing and we need help to provide nursery services during all worship services! Maybe you could sign up to work during a service you don't usually attend? Or perhaps you

could attend the "other" service one Sunday? In either case, you will be able to bless a family by helping to care for their young children in the nursery. You'll be working with our paid nursery caregiver, Pilar Tobar.

We will be passing a sign-up clipboard around for the next few weeks to let people volunteer for these slots. If you would like to volunteer, please watch for the sign-up or contact Beth Woods.

Thank you!

(336) 480-4551 or [woods777@aol.com](mailto:woods777@aol.com)

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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.



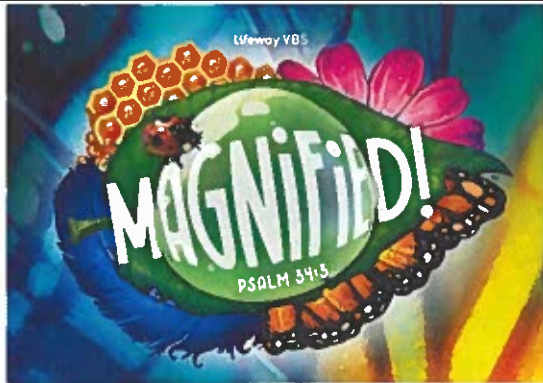
Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:  
c. thieves break through and steal."  
(Matthew 6:19)

## 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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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



### Vacation Bible School 2025 Meeting & Workday

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

Save the dates! July 13; July 20, 21, and 22; Aug 9.  
Lots of fun is planned... including a special opportunity  
for our congregation's adults!

Summer will be here before we know it! If you are willing to help with VBS this summer, please attend a meeting on Monday, May 19 at 7 pm. At this meeting, we will form our teams and distribute leader guides. It's going to be a great program with a place for everyone to serve! Come find out more.

**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.

## Our Church Directory is Online!

**View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.**

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now."

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory. You will get an email to confirm your email address so you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "[Instant Church Directory](#)" to download.

### Need help or have questions?

**Please contact Beth Woods 336-480-4551.**

If you want a printed copy of the directory, please contact Beth Woods.



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A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

**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 - TerraBella Newton, (Room B1)  
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658  
Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919



James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care Center)  
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



Don Hedrick - Mailing address: PO Box 542, Claremont, NC 28610  
Physical address: 4028 E US 70 Hwy, Claremont, NC 28610  
His wife, Cheryl's phone (828) 381-7956

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

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





# **VARIETY SHOW**

**NEWTON-CONOVER  
BAND**

**FRIDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> & SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**SHOW STARTS AT 7 PM**

**\$10 ADMISSION: NEWTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

# May 2025

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.



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9:30 Sunday School  
10:30 Homecoming  
Worship Service (CFLC)

5:00 AWANA (3 yr - 12th gr)

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9:00 Volunteer day  
at Ashure Ministry

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6:30 Heartfelt Prayer

7

1:00 Hand & Foot

7:00 Choir practice

8

6:30 Hand & Foot

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6:30 Dominoes

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8:45 Worship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

12

6:30 Heartfelt Prayer

14

1:00 Queen Esther Circle  
1:00 Hand & Foot  
7:00 Choir practice

15

6:30 Methodist Men  
6:30 Hand & Foot

16

6:30 Dominoes

17

10:00-2:00  
Women's Conference

18

Graduate  
Recognition  
Sunday

8:45 Worship  
10:00 Sunday School  
Brunch for HS Graduates  
11:00 Worship

19

7:00 VBS planning  
meeting

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6:30 Heartfelt Prayer

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12:00 Goodtimers Lunch  
1:00 Hand & Foot  
7:00 Choir practice

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6:30 Hand & Foot

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6:30 Dominoes

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8:45 Worship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

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OFFICE CLOSED

27

6:30 Heartfelt Prayer

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1:00 Hand & Foot  
7:00 Choir practice

29

10:00 Workday (prep  
for VBS and other  
ministries)

30

6:30 Dominoes

31

5:00 Fellowship dinner  
(Menu TBD)

**Sunday, June 1**  
30 Trustees  
4:00 Finance Comm  
5:00 Church Council



# Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Quentin Porter Rebecca Stewart Jake Stines	2 John Job Nikki Kelly Ashley Wike EmmaGrace Wike Alice Woods	3 Andrea Little
4 Colt Briggs Elizabeth Rockett	5 Julie Lawing	6 Julie Lawing	7	8 Laurette Rheeder Karl Stryker Wendy Robinson Phyllis Watson Sybil Windsor	9 Monte Connor Jennifer Fiorucci Eddie Warren	10 Brookie Connor Jack Muller Theresa Sutton
11 Thomas Boston Jennifer Herman Judy Rayburn-Young Jay Shepherd Michelle Sierzenga	12 Thomas Beatty Spencer Brackett Jacob Fisher Dottie Harris	13 Andrea Beatty Spencer Brackett Jacob Fisher Dottie Harris	14 Linda Dooley Cyde Kistler Stan Lail Trenia Monk	15 Rachel Hamilton Lee Ann Parris	16 Bradley Clark Jessica Kincaid Mackenzie Thornburg	17 Margrat Bamabas Meredith Geier Susan Hursucker Brittany Starnes
18 Michael Bryan Lindsay Keister Mike Matthews Charles Reed	19 Tammy Muller Ginger Rockett	20 Charles Hornick David Workman	21 Crystal Heifer Denise Moose Chris Reyno DS	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 Alike Hendren Randy Howard Mary Pinto	27 Mark Murphy Dan Rockett	28	29	30 James Ball Scottie Hentschel Jack Rockett	31 Jo Ellen Knecht Leonard Walling

# Anniversaries

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



CROSS KINGDOM MINISTRIES

# Fill Your Cup Women's Conference



Join us for tea and fellowship at our women's ministry event featuring speaker Terri Broome.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and share in fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy delightful tea, worship, and **heartfelt conversations** with friends.

Lunch from Chicken Salad Chick will be provided. Please let us know if you're attending.

**Register Here**



**Saturday, May 17**

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10am - 2pm

Lunch Provided

[cross-kingdom.org](http://cross-kingdom.org)





CROSS KINGDOM MINISTRIES

Bids Open 5/9 @ 1pm

Bids End 5/10 @ 4pm



# Online Cake Auction



Bidding starts Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm on the  
Cross Kingdom Ministries Facebook Page  
just in time for Mother's Day!

Bidding will take place at

[www.facebook.com/crosskingdommin](https://www.facebook.com/crosskingdommin)

SCAN ME



How it works:

- ✓ Visit the Cross Kingdom Facebook page starting at 1 PM on May 9th
- ✓ Comment your bid under the cake photo you want
- ✓ Highest bid at 4PM on May 10th wins the cake!

Winners will be announced on Facebook

## WE NEED CAKES!

SEE PASTOR JASON  
IF YOU CAN DONATE A CAKE  
TO BE AUCTIONED OFF

Cake pick-up will be on Saturday, May 10  
from 4 pm - 6 pm at  
First Methodist Church Conover  
410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC 28613

All proceeds go to support the Mission Team headed  
to Kenya in September 2025

Bid on delicious, homemade cakes!

It's a fun way to give back — and treat yourself at the same time!

