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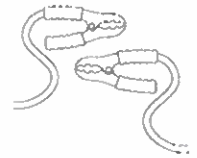
The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

August 5, 2025

HUMAN JUMPER CABLES

One little light. That's all it took to render our car totally unusable. The little light in the rear of our car was left on one night after we unloaded some things, and it stayed on overnight and then the next day. That one little light totally drained our battery. But then came the hero! Yes, up came our friend with his trusty jumper cables. And those cables delivered the energy that my dead old battery needed to run again!

What does it take to get a drained and tired battery going again? A jolt from jumper cables that provides the energy needed to revive it. And what does it take to get a drained and tired person going again? Human jumper cables that can deliver new energy to revive them.



I'm guessing that you know someone right now who might be pretty depleted - emotionally, mentally, maybe spiritually or physically. When they turn the key, not much happens because their battles and struggles and weights and responsibilities have left them unable to get going again. That's why God has given us each other. To be jumper cables for each other when we sense that someone we know has gotten pretty run down. If you've got your eyes open for them, you'll see someone in need of an emotional and spiritual "jump" most every day of your life.

There's a wonderful example of this. It's in **2 Timothy 1:16-17**. This is the last letter Paul ever wrote. He's away from most of his friends, he's locked up in Caesar's prison in Rome, and he knows he may never leave there alive. In fact, he won't. Then along comes an unsung hero called Onesiphorus, (*aren't you glad you don't have to read that name out-loud in church like I would have to?*) 😊 and he is God's jumper cables to help the great apostle find the energy to go on.

Listen to Paul's testimony and think about how you could be this for someone you know: ***"May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains...When he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me."***

See, when you're one of God's jump starters, you wake up in the morning and you say, "Lord, show me who needs me today." Then you look for, even go out of your way if necessary, to call that person who needs encouragement, or write them, or email them, or visit with them, text them, Facebook them, or just stop and take time with them.

It's almost always a bit of a sacrifice to do that because of all the things you've got to do. But you may have nothing more important to do than give this extension of Jesus' love to someone who's really depleted right now. Your joy can jump start theirs. Your praying in faith can jump start theirs. Your affirmation of their value and significance can jump start them believing it again themselves. Your belief in them can re-energize their courage to get back in the ring for another round. Your reminder of who they really are to Jesus (and to you) may be just the spiritual jolt they need to get going again.

You may say, "Well, I need someone to jump start me!" Well, the greatest way to get out of your pit is to reach out and help someone else get out of theirs. **Proverbs 11:2- "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."**

You have what someone needs today to help them get started again. "Lord, show me who needs me today." That's the prayer that will make you the conduit to deliver the very resources of God to someone who really can't go on without them. You are God's jumper cables!

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:

Tara, Cody, Hayden & Harper Brackett, Andy, Wende, Kaela & Colt Briggs, Peter & Maddie Brown, Ruth Brown, Nicholas, Kaitlyn, Paisley, Charlotte & Hollis Bumgarner, Natasha, Liam & Allie Bunton.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 10

8:45am - Lindsay Keisler
11:00am - Kim Reed

August 17

8:45am - Rebecca Stewart
11:00am - Jenene Nellenbach

We need volunteers. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Beth via email at woods777@aol.com or call her at (336) 480-4551.

MEMORIALS **Local Missions Fund**

In memory of Charles Reed by:
Nancy Clarke

Music Fund

In memory of Gilda Pennell by:
Nancy Clarke
Danny & Sandy Baucom
Mark & Rita Deal
Sharpe Bible Class

Kenya Mission Trip

In memory of Gilda Pennell by:
Dennis & Jo Ellen Knecht



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

Greeters for August 10

8:45am - Kim & Brad Little
11:00am - Donna & Lisa Rudisill

August 17

8:45am - Joyce & Armando Lagunas
11:00am - Thomas Garlow

August 24

8:45am - Angela & Ryan Garrison
11:00am - Jayne Davis

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



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

On behalf of our family, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to our church family for the outpouring of love and support during the remembrance service for our beloved mother. Your kind words, heartfelt cards, and continued prayers have brought us comfort during this difficult time.

We are especially grateful to those who helped prepare the meal following the service. Your generosity and care reminded us of the strength and compassion of this community that meant so much to our mother.

A special thank you to the ministers who led the service with such grace, warmth, and sincerity. Your words honored her life and offered peace and hope to all who gathered.

Thank you all for walking with us in both grief and hope. Your kindness has truly been a blessing.

With love and gratitude,
Mark & Randy Pennell, sons of Gilda Pennell

NEWS TO USE



The Ashure Ministry food request for **August** will **be canned food**. 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.

Thanks to the 5 volunteers from First Methodist Church of Conover who worked so diligently last Monday on the Ashure Ministry Newsletter. I believe that there was some chatter and laughter during the process!

Thank you, Anita Deal

Kenya Mission Trip

The following items are needed to complete the hygiene bags: **Travel-Size** (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo – 4oz, soap, deodorants, hand sanitizers, and feminine products). A labeled collection box is located in the commons area near Beth's office.

Later we will meet to prepare the hygiene bags.

Thank you.

Missions and Outreach Committee

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 3, 2025

Sunday School:
105

Worship:
8:45am Service - 161
11:00am Service - 159
Total 320

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 25,313.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>	
Children's Bank	128.60
Kenya Mission Trip	50.00
Local Missions Fund	25.00
Music Fund	225.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	75.00
VBS Kenya Well	100.00
Total	\$ 25,916.60

Sales & Use Tax Refund	4,386.87
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Total for the General Fund	29,699.87
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THANK YOU

The family of Brandon Lynx Miller, son of Jean and Charles Connor, would like to express their gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring of love shown to us during the passing of Brandon.

Thank you so much for the many phone calls, texts, cards, flowers, cakes, and especially for your prayers. The body of Christ is alive and at work at Conover Global Methodist Church. Thank you all. We love you.

ORGAN RECITAL BY KEVIN HANEY & KATHIE RIEBE



There will be an organ recital by Kevin Haney and Kathie Riebe, Sunday, August 10th, at 4 pm. Recital will be held at St. John's Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC. The church is one block from Novant Presbyterian Hospital Main.

The recital will last approximately one hour and is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken, and all monies collected will go directly to the Stigall Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists to help pay for organ lessons for students in grades 6-12.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ONE OF OUR OWN!!!**

Our church family would like to wish Lilly-Ann Stewart a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** on receiving the award of Senior Majorette Queen in the 15-23 age division at Nationals!

Lilly-Ann's parents are Adam & Rebecca and she has a brother, David. She has been practicing hard almost everyday to be ready for the competition which was a couple of weeks ago.

We are so proud of you, Lilly-Ann. We know that God has big things in store for you!

CHURCH STAFF

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AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR™

*Sunday,
September 7
at 7 pm*

We have the privilege of hosting the **African Children's Choir** for the opening concert of their 2025-26 touring season. You don't want to miss this fabulous concert!





Part of hosting includes providing **housing**. We still need 3 more homes that can host 2 children and an adult. We will host them for three nights (Sept 6, 7, & 8). Please talk to Pastor John or Beth if you are interested.

**Music
for Life**



MORE NEWS TO USE

Members in Nursing Facilities	Members at Home
<p>Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Dottie Aycock-Harris - TerraBella Newton, (Room B1) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658 Her husband, Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919</p> <p>James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) Mail to: Jeanette Davis 102 Leonard Avenue, Room 210, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Margaret Kilpatrick - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) (Room 2010) 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Robert Matthews - Heritage Care (Room 16) 3430 Lester Street, Conover, NC 28613</p> <p>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</p> <p>Mary Ann Simpson - Kingston Residence (Room 214) 904 2nd Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601</p> <p>Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C1) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658</p>	<p>Elaine Biles - In a nursing facility in Indiana. Send mail to her son, Jim at: 1140 S. Michigan Ave. Greensburg, IN 47240</p> <p>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</p> <p>Armando Lagunas - 1515 28th St., Lane SE Hickory, NC 28602</p> <p>Lee Moritz, Sr. - 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-3383</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>

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

PRAYER WALK & HARVEST FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

It is hard to believe it has been almost a year since our last get together, but it has.....

I would like to invite anyone that has helped in any manner (no matter how) with the Prayer Walk or the Harvest Festival to come to my family's tent at Balls Creek Campmeeting. So all from both services can get there, please plan to be there by 1:30. You can arrive earlier if you prefer. As always, there is plenty to do with the crew.

What's Happening: 3rd Annual FMCC PWHFV Sunday Luncheon

Where: Balls Creek Campmeeting Tent #94 (back of tent is along road - will see blue balloons)

When: August 17th at 1:30

I need to Bring: Your favorite....picnic special.....reunion delicacy.....finger licking goodness.....or whatever you think will tickle this group's taste buds.

Loading and unloading is behind tent, but the only parking is across road only.

Dress appropriately.....as it is always a little warm on a Sunny August Sunday Afternoon under the tin roofs.

Come and join us for a wonderful and blessed afternoon of fun and fellowship and entertainment. (We know who has the banjos, now who has a fiddle(s) and guitar(s)?)

I for one cannot wait to see all of you there.

Oh, how wonderful is our GOD.

Anthony Price
828-228-6467 (text with any questions)

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON **FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT BOXCAR GRILLE**

All women of the church are invited to a luncheon at Boxcar Grille in Claremont on Friday, August 8th at 11:30am. We will be honoring those who have birthdays in July and August. Lunch is on your own except the birthday girls will be treated.

There is a sign up sheet next to Beth's office for everyone wanting to attend. Please sign up by August 1st. If your birthday is in July or August please put a star by your name.

For questions contact Cindy Clark at (828) 302-3217 or Jeanette Stewart at (828) 315-0821 or Jean Slate at (910) 624-9843.

Statewide GMC Laity Convocation to be hosted by First Methodist



**"Tender Hearts, Strong Faith:
The Ephesians 4:32 Experience"
Saturday, Sept 6, 9-3**

The Lay Ministry Team of the NC Global Methodist Church has planned this event for all laity and clergy (that's everybody!) to come together for inspiration, connection, and practical help for being in ministry together. Our church is hosting this convocation, but it is open to all (members or not...), so invite a friend!

Come together for a transformative time of fellowship, worship, and learning as we explore what it means to live more fully into our Global Methodist identity of Holy Love in all our ministries.

What Awaits You:

- Inspiring worship experiences
- Meaningful fellowship with brothers and sisters in faith
- Practical learning opportunities
- Fresh vision for ministry rooted in Holy Love
- Connection with clergy and laity across our conference

This is your invitation to be renewed, equipped, and united in our calling to embody Christ's Holy Love in every aspect of ministry and life.

Lunch is also provided.

Register by calling the church office or Beth Woods. Register online on the NC Global Methodist Church Annual Conference Facebook page.

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF PRAYER



**6:30 Every Tuesday
in the Parlor (upstairs)**

Heartfelt 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.

If you cannot join us on Tuesday evening, feel free to come by the church and pick up a weekly prayer list (left in the Parlor each week) and pray at a time that works for you.

Also, feel free to leave prayer requests in the Parlor or on the Altar in the Sanctuary.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

Pastor Jason is organizing a mission trip to Puerto Rico in May. The cost is \$680 plus airfare. There are only 8 openings left. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, please RSVP to Pastor Jason at (828) 381-1174 or via email at jsgodson@yahoo.com.

STILL MORE NEWS TO USE

Volunteer Planning Meeting



Anyone interested in helping Pastor Jason with the children's ministry, AWANA, please attend this planning meeting or contact Pastor Jason.

Can you do this??



Then you are qualified!

We need a few more people to join our tech team in the back of the sanctuary during worship services. These amazing volunteers advance the slides during announcements, songs, the sermon and the rest of the service. They also monitor the service being livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube.

If we can get 3-4 more people to join the team, each person will only be "on the job" once per month or less.

All training will be provided and gracious assistance is always present.

If you would like to give it a try, talk to Corey Keisler or Beth Woods or any tech team member.

A LOT MORE NEWS TO USE

**Good
timers***

**Wednesday
August 20**



**10:45am - Morning Worship / Senior's Day
at Balls Creek Campground
2090 Buffalo Shoals Road
Dr. Ray Rummage -
First Methodist Church, Maiden, NC**

Lunch on the grounds after this service; bring a covered dish to share. Cups, plates, utensils, ice water and drinks will be provided by the Campground. (We will take a cooler with ice from the church to keep food cool.) Seating is in pews or you may bring chairs.

Come join us -- rain or shine!

Meet at church to carpool at 10:15
or at the Campground by 10:30.
Parking around Arbor or on
Buffalo Shoals Road.

* Goodtimers is for retirees or anyone available during the day!

Christian Yoga/Exercise Class for All



**Thurs, August 14
10:00 – 11:15
CFLC**



Queen Esther Circle

Wed, Aug 13 at 1:00

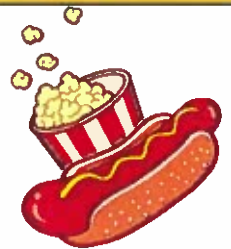
Faithbuilders Classroom

**First of 3-part Bible study on Ruth.
Led by Dianne Hollar.
Those wishing more time to visit are invited to
bring a bag lunch and meet at 12:30.**

All women are invited!



**Harvest Festival
planning
starting soon!**



Our annual "Harvest Festival for Jesus" is held in late October. We will open our grounds to the community for a day of fun, prizes, and sharing of our faith. Like we did last year, we will be giving away Bibles and Bible story books. An event of this magnitude needs a lot of workers, and we will have a place for YOU!

To get started with planning and preparation, we will have a meeting at 2:00 on Sunday August 24 in the Faithbuilders Room in the CFLC. Please join us if you are able to help us plan. Thank you!