



First Methodist Church

OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

June 25, 2024

Thinking About Heaven

This coming Sunday we begin our summer sermon series, "FAQ." Our first topic will be heaven, and I thought it would be good to "pre-load" our hearts by thinking about some of what the Bible says about heaven.

When I anticipate my first glimpse of heaven, I remember the first time I went snorkeling. I saw countless fish of every shape, size, and color. Just when I thought I'd seen the most beautiful fish, along came one even more striking. Etched in my memory is the sound of a gasp going through my snorkel as my eyes were opened to a breathtaking underwater world.



As believers, I imagine our first glimpse of heaven will cause us to gasp in a similar way—with amazement and delight. That first gasp will likely be followed by many more as we continually encounter new sights in that endlessly wonderful place.

Though most of us are in no hurry to get to our final destination, we all have questions about it. What will it be like? What is it that draws us to it and gives us hope of being there for eternity?

Here is just a bit of what the Bible tells us.

- Heaven is God's perfect dwelling place – 2 Chronicles 6:39
- Jesus Christ is there – Colossians 3:1
- A place of many "dwelling places" (rooms or mansions) – John 14:2
- All things will be like new – Revelation 21:5
- There will be non-stop praise as we worship the Lord – Revelation 4:8
- Heaven has been prepared just for us – John 14:3
- We'll never be sad in heaven – Isaiah 60:20
- Heaven has a zero-crime rate – Matthew 6:20
- No one will cry or be in pain – Revelation 21:4
- No alarm clocks or deadlines in heaven – Revelation 21:23
- We will see our Savior and be like Him – 1 John 3:2
- We'll never grow old in heaven – 1 Corinthians 15:52
- Heaven's beauty is indescribable – 1 Corinthians 2:9

Wow! The Lord is good and I'm grateful He's opened the way for us to be with Him in heaven forever.

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:

Pat & Alice Woods, David & Tracy Workman,
Leah Workman, Glenda Yount,
James Zehmer, Laura & Tristan Zinkhan.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

TO: Our church family

Please join us in celebrating Armando Lagunas' 90th birthday on Saturday, June 29th in the Connor Family Life Center from 2:00pm until 5:00pm.

No gifts please, only cards!



ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for June** is cereal. These may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between the CFLC and Beth's office along with grocery bags. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry!

Monday, July 1st is the designated volunteer day for First Methodist Church of Conover. Any amount of time you could help this ministry from 8:30am until 4:30pm would be fantastic! Of course, you can volunteer any other day that works best for your schedule.



ATTENTION PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY!!!

There will be no prayer shawl meeting in the month of July.



Our Church Is Growing! Help Us Welcome Visitors!

Sign up sheets for greeters will be available on Beth's door and at both worship services next week, so check your calendar and pick a day to help our ushers welcome members and visitors as they arrive on Sunday mornings.

Be A Greeter!



The job is simple... be present outside the sanctuary for about 20 minutes before the service starts, smile, say, "Welcome! Would you like a nametag?" and "Would you like some information about our church and our ministries?" Then assist by opening the doors to the sanctuary and direct them to the ushers for a bulletin and further assistance.

In His Service Together,

Beth Woods

(336) 480-4551 or woods777@aol.com

NEWS TO USE

Dear Church Family,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to seek your support for some financial donations towards a meaningful Venturing Summit project that I'm very passionate about. Venturing is a branch of Scouting America for young men and women, ages 14 - 21, and is focused on self development. Venturing groups are more active in high adventure activities. The Venturing Summit project is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout project where the Summit candidate must complete a service project for a school or religious facility that means something to them and the project must be something that will affect the community positively. My project will be to install shelving in the Newton-Conover High School band trailer to give a safe space for the smaller band instruments to be stored. The shelving will be carpeted so that the items don't move around when the trailer is being hauled, and the shelving will give cubby space for the bigger instruments to fit underneath and be more secure. I have gone ahead and added up all the totals for all the materials and supplies that will need to be purchased to carry out this project. We are looking to raise close to \$1,250 for this project. As an active member of our church, I deeply value our community's commitment to service and support. Your generous contribution would not only help me achieve my project objectives, but will also make a positive impact in our local community. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. If checks need to be given, please make it out to "Troop 325," and in the memo field, please put "Jarrett's Summit Project." Thank you for considering my request, and I look forward to discussing this opportunity further.

Best Regards,
Jarrett Rheeder



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus started for Judaea when He heard Lazarus was ill,

- a. immediately
- b. after one day
- c. after two days
- d. after three days

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT **By Our Presence June 23, 2024**

Sunday School:

120

Worship:

8:45am Service 152

11:00am Service 169

Total 321

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 12,079.00

(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)

Children's Bank 69.55

Disaffiliation Fund 500.00

Total \$ 12,648.55

Summertime Blessings

Summer is almost here, and it is time to warm the hearts of our homebound and nursing home members. Bags have been placed in the commons area with the names of our 13 members.

Would you use your creativity and fill the bags with items that will bring a smile to someone's face and a hint of summer? Please place the items in the bags either on Sunday morning or during the week. You can find the names listed in the newsletter. The deadline will be July 7th, and we will start delivering bags that week.

If you would like to help deliver bags and visit with someone on the list, please contact Susan Hunsucker at (828) 612-4319. This would be a great opportunity for families with young children to serve together.

Thank you once again for your amazing support of this ministry.

Susan Hunsucker,
Caring Ministry



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DINNER & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SATURDAY, JULY 13TH
AT 5:00PM

IN THE CFLC

For July's Dinner & Game Night, dinner will be provided. We ask that anyone who has an ice cream churn to make a batch and bring with you.

If you do not have a churn, feel free to bring your favorite flavor from the store or bring different toppings to add.

We will fellowship over dinner and then follow that up with delicious ice cream!

Invite a friend, family member or a neighbor!



Ice Cream Social

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
c. after two days
(John 11:5-15)

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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Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 preschool@fmconover.org
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
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Website:	www.fmconover.org



YOUTH SUMMER PLANS

Sun, June 30 5:30-7:30

Sun, July 7 * 5:30-7:30

Sun, July 28 5:30-7:30

**Regular meeting in new youth room.
Dinner included.**

**All rising 6th - current 12th grade youth are
welcome to join us. We will hold regular
meetings in our new youth room in the CFLC.**

We will eat dinner together!

**Contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551 for
questions.**

MORE NEWS TO USE

NEIGHBOR'S TABLE

The mission/outreach program, Neighbor's Table, began September 16, 2023.

What? Supper

For? The homeless, the lonely and those needing help during difficult financial times

When? Third Saturday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30pm

September 2023 through April 2024 there have been eight different groups within our church that have prepared and served meals to our neighbors. THANK YOU!

Seven year old children through those young 80 somethings have faithfully stepped up to make this a successful mission and at the same time being touched personally by the experience. GOD is good.

Many people have asked me what they can do and when can they help.

Presently we need groups to prepare/serve meals:

July 20, 2024

September 21, 2024

October 19, 2024

November 16, 2024

If you have questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact me: **call/text at 828-638-8525 or e-mail me at lgstorytime@bellsouth.net**.

Continue praying for the success of this mission/outreach to the community of Conover and that those in need of this service will hear about it and come to the feast of food and love.

Mission and Outreach Committee
Neighbor's Table Coordinator
Lois Goodson



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)
255 Geitner 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



Dottie Aycock-Harris - 1449 Brookstone Drive, Hickory, NC 28602
(704) 460-4919 - Ron's cell phone
noghost@bellsouth.net - email address

John & Betsy Hemmings - 2537 Birdie Lane, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 459-9444

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

Dolores Setzer - PO Box 1237, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 256-1421

Alice Spencer - 1608 Hwy 16 North, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 464-6403

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

July 2024

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August 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 30 08:45am Cont. Worship (Sanctuary) 10am Sunday school/all ages 11am Trad. Worship 5:30-7:30pm Youth Mtg.	Jul 1 09am-Vol. Day at Ashure	2 1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pray. Shawl room) 7pm-Bible Study (CFLC)	3 10:30am-Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice	4 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) Independence Day (United States) OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	6
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14 08:45am Cont. Worship (Sanctuary) 10am Sunday school/all ages 11am Trad. Worship	15	16 5:30-7:30pm VBS (CFLC 5-9pm)	17 12:00pm Goodtimers Luncheon (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot 5:30-7:30pm VBS (CFLC) 7pm Choir practice	18 5:30-7:30pm VBS (CFLC 5-9pm) 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	19 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class) Set-up for The Nest (CFLC - All day)	20 10am-12pm The Nest Event (CFLC 8am-1pm) 5:30-6:30pm Neighbor's Table (CFLC &
21 08:45am & 11am 3pm Trustees' Meeting 4pm Eagle Scout 4pm Finance Mtg. 5pm Ch. Council Mtg.	22	23 7pm-Bible Study (CFLC)	24 10:30am-Bible Study (CFLC) 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice	25 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	26 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	27
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Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Armando Lagunas Brenda Novotny Hannah Woods	2 Taylor Higgins	3	4 Ginny Ward	5 Dana Little Sady Little Susan Long	6 Mary Ann Simpson
7 J.R. Duncan	8 Jessie Ross	9	10 Billy Boston Karen Windham	11 Zoey Boston Jeanne Laws	12 Dawn Barbersek Kim Little Harold Thornburg Brantley Vigue Kent Walker Joy Watts	13
14	15 Keith Hall	16 Michele Danner Kathryn Muller Heather Norman Brenda Putnam	17 Patsy Isaac Elijah Matson	18 Mark Hamilton	19 Elizabeth Conner Margaret Putzer Andrew Thompson	20 Ray Penley Phyllis Robinson Camden Spencer
21 Kim Hentschel Mack Putzer Beverly Swithenbank	22 Scott Little	23 J C Bryan Rona Saunders Marsha Williams	24	25 Amber Guinn	26 Samantha Hawn Sandy Loftin	27 Patty Ehrnsberger Nick Pittman
28 Judy Lail Peggy Rudisill	29 Kaela Briggs Margaret Garrison Christy Greco	30 Sara Knecht Matthew Morrow Saylor Spencer-Wooten	31 Wyatt Fulbright			

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Dan and Karen Windham	2	3 Bonnie Otterberg and Virgil	4	5 Jake and Barbara Stines	6
7 John and Betsy Hemmings Scott and Andrea Little	8 J C and Luisa Bryan	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Taylor and Fara Dellinger	18	19 Lee Jr. and Michele Moritz David and Tracy Workman	20
21	22	23	24	25 Bill and Anita Huffman Stephen Price and Haniel Price-Mercado	26	27
28 Charlie and Tommi Anderson	29	30 David and Brenda Putnam	31 John and Sally Hartner John and Donna Mull			