



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

May 29, 2024

Water, Water, Everywhere!



A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm & Wednesdays @ 10:30am

Beginning June 11/12

From beginning to end, Genesis to Revelation, the Bible has a lot to say about water. In the scriptures, water symbolizes life, but also death, renewal and destruction, judgment, cleansing, refreshment and spiritual sustenance.

Pastor John is offering a new summer Bible Study looking at some of the biblical passages connected to this theme of water and the truths they hold for us.

Join us as we take a "deep dive" into this theme.

Message the church office if you'd like to be part of this (relaxed) summer study.

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:

Winford Tucker, Brandon, Larissa & Nova Vigue,
Kent, Annette, John & Betsy Walker, Rick & Nancy Wall,
Leonard & Patricia Walling, Ron & Ginny Ward.

OUR FMCC CHOIR

As we continue to move forward as First Methodist Church of Conover, some of you may have noticed at the late service that our choir is not wearing the stoles as they once did. This is because some of them are embroidered with our former denomination's logo. So the choir is going to have to replace the stoles. They have put together the new stoles with Thomas Creative Apparel (Thomas Robes) and are in the process of ordering. Anyone that would like to support the Chancel Choir with the purchase of the new stoles, please make checks payable to FMCC and put "Music Fund - choir stoles" on the memo line.



NEW
Choir Stoles needed

Praise HIM with voice and song!
Your FMCC Worship Committee

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Betty Prater (outpatient)

MEMORIALS

Music Fund (Choir Stoles)

In memory of Betty Fisher by:
Jeannie Houston

In memory of Carol Dickinson by:
Pat & Alice Woods

THANK YOU

To all my friends at FMC Conover:

Thank you so much for your cards, notes, remembrances, memorials and caring when Bill died. It meant so much. May the Lord bless all of you. You are a caring church.

Love and prayers,

Elaine Biles

JOINING SUNDAY is

June 9th



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

**You have a place here
at
First Methodist!**

Have you been worshipping at First Methodist but aren't a member yet? Would you like to officially join our "First Family?" We have just the opportunity for you! **Joining Sunday will be June 9th (at both worship services).**



Message Pastor John or the church office if you're ready to be a member of this amazing church family.

SYMPATHY NOTE

Kelly Shuford Khattak, 57 of Hickory and sister of Melissa Punch, died Friday, May 24, 2024.

A memorial service to celebrate Kelly's life will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 11:00am in the Chapel of Bennett Funeral Service, 7878 NC Hwy. 16, Newton. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00 - 10:45am at Bennett Funeral Service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Melissa, Todd and the family during this difficult time.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

NEWS TO USE

Youth Retreat Opportunity – Registration is SOON

Rising 6th grade -12th grade youth are invited to attend a retreat at Fort Caswell located in beautiful Oak Island, North Carolina. It will be sponsored by CLUB Ministries and will be an incredible 3 days of fun and worship. From **August 9-11, 2024** youth groups are invited to attend this non-denominational event designed to educate, enlighten, and energize young people through the Word of God! There will be inspirational speakers, inspiring worship music, and free-time opportunities for youth groups to explore this incredible coastal region. For more details, see: <https://clubministries.com/surge/>

If you are interested in attending this retreat, **please contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551 or woods777@aol.com**. If we take a group, we will also need adult chaperones. The cost will be minimal, as the registration fee will be covered by the youth fund. **Final registrations must be in by June 5.**

ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for May** is **canned fruits and vegetables**. 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!

FMCC's day to volunteer at Ashure Ministry is Monday, June 3. Any amount of time you can offer from 8:30am - 4:30pm will be greatly appreciated. Of course, any other day of the month would be great! Hope to see you there!!

If you have volunteered or plan to in the near future, we invite you to a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on June 13. (See insert for more details.) We are all about celebrating. If you can join us, we just ask that you RSVP via [Allen's cell](#), (828) 446-5418 by June 7th, and please include your name and the number of guests who will be coming with you! We want to have plenty of delicious ballpark food available! Swing on over!



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Nicodemus implied that Jesus should be judged

- without a hearing
- only after a hearing
- after hearing third parties
- not at all

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT By Our Presence May 19, 2024

Sunday School:
112

Worship:
8:45am Service 142
11:00am Service 156
Total 298

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 13,169.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)

Children's Bank 121.40
Music Fund (Choir Stoles) 1,225.00
Disaffiliation Fund 225.00
Total \$ 14,740.40

STEWARDSHIP REPORT By Our Presence May 26, 2024

Sunday School:
118

Worship:
8:45am Service 113
11:00am Service 131
Total 244

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,996.09
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)

Children's Bank 204.51
Total \$ 12,200.60

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410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
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2024 FLOWER CHART

The new 2024 Flower Chart has been posted in the hallway outside the church office.

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



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. only after a hearing
(John 7:50-51)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods pastor@fmccconover.org (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell 208 2nd St NE, Conover
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Music Director/Choir	Jon Rogers jsrogers99@gmail.com (828) 244-7019
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Organist	Kevin Haney khaney01@gmail.com (704) 914-6510
Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 preschool@fmccconover.org
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fmccconover.org

FMCC'S NEWEST MEMBERS SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

**Confirmands who joined at the
8:45am service:**

**Pictured left to right:
Hayden Alleigh Brackett**

EmmaGrace Caroline Wike

**Mackenzie Lee Thornburg
(baptized and confirmed)**

Matthew Layton Hornick



**Confirmands who joined at the
11:00am service:**

**Pictured left to right:
Lilly-Ann Marie Stewart
David Winfield Stewart**

(Both were baptized and confirmed)

Full Members:

**Rebecca & Adam Stewart
2669 Balls Creek Road
Newton, NC 28658
(828) 464-0127**

**Adam's email address:
adamstewart@live.com**

**Rebecca's email address:
blondiebluetwirler@yahoo.com**



**FMCC'S NEWEST MEMBERS
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**



Jamie Tremble and son,

Ethan Tremble

2482 E NC-10 Hwy.

Conover, NC 28613

Jamie's cell: (828) 545-8297

Email: jamietremble@yahoo.com

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.

WHAT A MESS! VBS

New Format:

Kick-off June 25; main sessions July 16-18; celebration Aug 3

Our VBS planning team has decided to try a new format for VBS this year. We'll have a kick-off session on June 25 which will be designed to generate excitement and be an outreach to the community. We will have three main sessions which will be a "typical" VBS on July 16, 17, and 18. Then we will have a celebratory wrap-up on August 3. The team hopes that this format will help reduce the five-day fatigue and will allow families who may be on vacation one week to be able to participate in the other sessions. We will evaluate afterward to determine if this new format was successful.

The team chose the theme, "What a Mess!" This curriculum focuses on how Jesus deals with our messes: our sins, mistakes, and weaknesses. Throughout the week we will look at these topics:

Who Made This Mess?!

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Adam & Eve, Genesis 3

Jesus Loves a Good Mess!

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Rich Young Ruler, Mark 10:17-27 & Genesis 3:21

Confess Your Mess

"If we confess our sins, he will forgive us." 1 John 1:9

The Sinner's Prayer, Luke 18:9-14

Address Your Mess

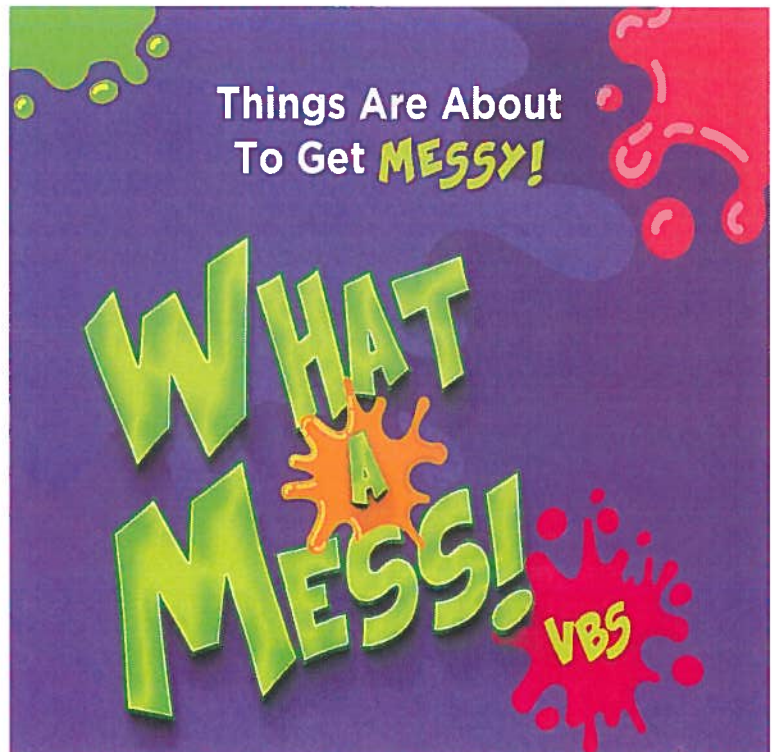
"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1a

The Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-22

Address Their Mess

"Forgive one another as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

Judging Others, Matthew 7:1-5



All the while, we are going to have *lots* of messy fun, with messy snacks, games, crafts, science, and more! We will also be incorporating ideas from another curriculum that includes scavenger hunts.

We need dozens of volunteers for this ministry... if you're willing, we can find a job that suits your interest! Jobs range from dinner table buddy to group leader to daily clean-up crew. (Did I mention that it's going to be MESSY?!) Contact Beth Woods 336-480-4551 or woods777@aol.com to sign up to help make some messy fun! Registration information for kids will be coming soon! **Materials will be available for volunteers to pick up from Beth anytime after June 1.**

YOUTH BRAINSTORMING

Thurs. May 30 * 6:30 in CFLC

All rising 6th - 12th grade youth, parents,
and anyone interested in youth please join us to help plan
youth events for the rest of 2024! Contact Beth Woods
(336) 480-4551 for questions.

POTLUCK DINNER & CANDY BAR BINGO!



SAT. JUNE 8
5:00
CFLC

Fellowship Meals at the Woods' Home

Please pick a date to join John and Beth for lunch or dinner.
Address: 208 2nd St. NE, Conover (across from Police Dept, next to Downtown City Park)

We have these spots available...

Dinner: Thursday, June 6 at 6 pm -- 7 slots open

Dinner: Thursday, June 13 at 6 pm -- 3 slots open

Lunch: Friday, June 14 at 12:00 pm -- 4 slots open

Lunch: Sunday, June 30 at ~12:30 pm -- 7 slots open



Beth (336) 480-4551

Reporting from The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter!

Last week, 39 adventurous travelers from First Methodist Church (including a few new friends) enjoyed fellowship, food, and faith-building tours at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. We learned a lot, logged many thousands of steps every day, and grew in our faith and friendships.

Watch for announcements from our NEXT trip and join us if you can!





THURSDAY, JUNE 13

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM - DINNER SERVED 6:00 PM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
701 N MAIN AVE, NEWTON**

**TEAM APPAREL
WELCOME**

RSVP JUNE 7

**ALLEN SHERRILL
(828) 446-5418**

June 2024

June 2024						
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July 2024						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
2 08:45am Cont. Worship 10am Graduate Brunch 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship	3 09am-Vol. Day at Ashure	4 1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pray. Shawl room)	5 1pm Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 7pm Choir practice (Choir Room)	6 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	7 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	8 5pm Pot Luck/Game Night (CFLC/Kit.)
9 08:45am Cont. Worship (Sanctuary) 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship	10	11 7pm-Bible Study (CFLC)	12 10:30am-Bible Study 1PM - Queen Esther's 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	13 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room) 6pm Con. Comm. Partners (Crossroads)	14 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class) Flag Day (United States)	15 5:30-6:30pm Neighbor's Table (CFLC & Kitchen 4-7pm)
16 08:45am Cont. Worship 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship Father's Day (United	17	18 7pm-Bible Study (CFLC)	19 09am-Goodtimers' Trip 10:30am-Bible Study 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice	20 6:30-9pm Methodist Men (CFLC) 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	21 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	22
23 08:45am Cont. Worship (Sanctuary) 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship	24	25 VBS Kick-off - Time TBA (CFLC)	26 10:30am-Bible Study 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm Choir practice 7pm-Bible Study (CFLC)	27 6:30pm - Hand & Foot (Prayer Shawl Room)	28 6:30pm Dominos (Faithblds class)	29 2-4pm Armando's 90th Birthday Party (CFLC res. 12-5pm)
30 08:45am Cont. Worship (Sanctuary) 10am Sunday school/all 11am Trad. Worship	Jul 1	2	3	4	5	6

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Brandon Greco Sharon Hendricks	3 Barbara Bruner Jeff Mays Tristan Mays	4 Kevin Haney Will James	5 Alex Arndt Joshua Langlois	6	7	1 Liam Bunton 8
9 Gary Herman Carl Sigmon Elec Yount	10	11 George Bruner Julie Patterson Tyler Peile	12 Michelle Gilleland	13 Tammy Goode Beaver Williams	14 Charles Rockett Daniel Wike	15 Drew Fisher Jeffrey Hefner Kay Kale Kathryn Knecht Lucy Rockett 22
16 Alexis Mays Michael Thornburg	17 Christy Cannon Chris Cooke Kim Thornburg	18 Jenny Harris	19 Addie Copeland Leonard Lawing Ethan Tremble	20 Don Hedrick Kurtis Lowdermilk Leah Workman	21 Kathy Monroe Pierre Rheeder	29 Sophia Job
23 Jarrett Rheeder Mike Stewart	24 Brian Dellinger Mary Jean Hollar	25 Jolie Baucom	26 Sarah Cushman Ryan Garrison Stephen Price	27	28 Lee Sr. Moritz	
30 Kaleb Griffith						

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5 Pat and Alice Woods	6 Cliff and Debbie Wike	7 Kevin McDuffie and Katie	1 Bruce and Elizabeth Swanson 8
9 Ronnie and Jean Hampton	10	11 Ryan and Carrie Lindsay	12	13	14	15
16	17 Alex and Hiley Baucom	18 Mike and Kelly Matthews	19 Pierre and Laurette Rheeder	20	21 Michael and Christy Greco John and Beth Woods	22
23 Lynn and Rita Watson	24 Dave and Janet Morrow	25 Chris and Mary Ann Cooke Randy and Diane Howard	26 Emmett and Jane Wike	27	28 Ray and Judy Elkin	29 Eddie and Connie Henderson Craig and Marea Pinto
30 Armando and Joyce Lagunas						