



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

August 26, 2025



That means our Harvest Festival for Jesus is coming SOON! We will open our grounds to the community for an afternoon of fun, prizes, and sharing of our faith. Some might see this as "just a fun day for the kids." Please take a moment to look beyond the surface... We have members who first noticed our church on the day of a previous Harvest Festival (I mean, it's hard not to notice the crowd, the games, the colors!). Now they are active members of our congregation. We give away 100-150 Bibles and children's devotional books every year. Each Bible and book has been prayed over, that the recipient will be drawn closer to God. We have members who pray with our guests. Who knows what God has done through that? We give away food, household goods, candy, toys, smiles, hugs, laughter. We love our community through this event. And we trust that God is at work. Oh, no... it's NOT "just a fun day for the kids!" Come be a part of something MUCH BIGGER!

This year's Harvest Festival will be held October 18.. An event of this magnitude needs a lot of workers and we still have a place for YOU! Here's a list of SOME of our needs:

- volunteers to help for as little as 30 minutes, up to 3 hours helping children safely get on and off inflatable slides and bounce houses
- groups or individuals to run a carnival game-type booth (we have resources to help you plan this!) and give away smiles, prizes, and a moment of God's love
- groups or individuals to assist children with crafts and to paint faces or hands
- people to serve food, give away Bibles, pray with visitors, or serve as floaters to help other workers
- golf carts or similar vehicles to help with set-up and clean-up
- music... do you know of a performer or group that would be willing to provide music for 30 minutes – an hour?
- candy and other prizes to be given to our visitors
- people willing to hang a poster in a public location
- PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE INVOLVED AND ALL WHO WILL ATTEND!

Wednesday, Oct 15, Thursday, Oct 16, Friday Oct 17 and Saturday morning, Oct18: Help set up boundary fences to keep children safely out of the road, set up tables, chairs, platforms, signs, and other infrastructure.

After the close of the festival:

- Take-down, Clean-up and Store-away EVERYTHING. Many hands make light work. Please plan to help if you can!

Thank you! We will have sign up sheets available at the next few weeks' Sunday morning services or you can contact Anthony Price at (828) 228-6467 to volunteer.

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:

Chris & Mary Ann Cooke, Michael, Addie & Alex Copeland,
Sharon Crane, Sarah & Cole Cushman,
Steve & Michele Danner, Drew Danner.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 31

8:45am - Susan Hunsucker
11:00am - Cindy Clark

September 7

8:45am - Leah Workman
11:00am - Tracy Workman

September 14

8:45am - Sydney Matson
11:00am - Melissa Johnson

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.

MEMORIAL

General Fund

In memory of Charles Reed by:
Steve & Michele Danner

Local Missions Fund

In memory of Gilda Pennell, Gladys Moose,
Charles Reed, Brandon Miller, and Philip Sanders by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Tony Rowe by:
Methodist Men of FMC



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Nancy Clarke at CVMC (at home)
Mack Hunsucker at hospital in Lincolnton

Greeters for August 31

8:45am - Ruth Brown
11:00am - Diane & Randy Howard

September 7

8:45am - Pat & Alice Woods
11:00am - Linda Dooley

September 14

8:45am - Barbara Stines
11:00am - Lynn Haynes & Bill Pitts

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



HONORARIUM

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Jim & Jeanette Davis on their
72nd wedding anniversary by:
Tony & Margaret Garrison



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.

Ashure Ministry will be closed Sept. 1 for Labor Day. Our church volunteer day will be Monday, Sept. 8.

Thank you,
Anita Deal



JOIN US FOR A TIME OF PRAYER



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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Yes, it will be Shoebox time soon! Right now with school supplies in many stores and summer toys reduced, it is a good time to start purchasing items for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. This year, soap is not allowed in the boxes. All else remains the same as last year.

Happy shopping!!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 24, 2025

Sunday School:
104

Worship:

8:45am Service -	165
11:00am Service -	<u>150</u>
Total	315

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$	26,145.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>		

African Children's Choir (Meals)	100.00
Children's Bank	43.00
Local Missions	250.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	<u>7,429.52</u>
Total	33,967.52

BACK PACK PROGRAM (CORNER TABLE)

The Corner Table is asking for volunteers on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10am-11am beginning in September until June to help pack grocery bags with 7 to 8 items so school children otherwise would not have something to eat on the weekends. The address is 1925 Tate Blvd, Hickory, NC 28602.

The packed bags will be for school children who will have something to eat when not in school. There are **1600 bags** distributed weekly to all the schools in Catawba County.

It is not hard work, just walking in a long loop, placing canned or boxed food items in a plastic grocery bag, tying a knot in the bag and placing the bag in a large bin.

We would like to get at least 10 volunteers who could help with this ministry once a month to help feed these kids who may go hungry otherwise.

Thank you, Kevin & Nancy Boggs
(828) 381-9105



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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.

Several silk arrangements are available for you to use if you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers. A flower fund was set up by the Harold Thornburg family in memory of Ruthie. Please call the church office if you wish to do so.


Thank you.



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



Bible Study examining *The CHOSEN*
(Season 5)

Introductory sessions September 16 or 17
Tues evenings at 7:00 or Wed mornings at 10:30
Call church office to register.

Statewide GMC Laity Convocation to be hosted by First Methodist



“Tender Hearts, Strong Faith: The Ephesians 4:32 Experience”

Saturday, Sept 6, 9-3

**Come join us to be inspired in your area
of service and ministry!**

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. 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.

Christian Yoga/Exercise Class for All



Thursday, Sept 18

**10:00 – 11:15
CFLC**

Service Opportunities

**We will be setting up tables and chairs
for the Laity Convocation and the
African Children's Choir on
Friday, Sept 5 at 10 am.**

**We need 3-4 people to help set up and
serve lunch on Sat, Sept 6 (11:30 - 1:00).**

**Good
timers***

**Thursday
Sept 18
12:00**



Meet and eat at the church.

“Back to School” covered-dish lunch with storyteller Sandy Holland. Bring a dish that reminds you of your school days!

Please bring a picture of yourself from your elementary or high school age and give to Jean Slate by Sept 10. We promise to take good care of it and return it to you!

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



Each night
consists of
Bible Study,
Games &
Snacks

Sundays 4:00 – 5:30



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Grades 6 - 12
will also meet
during this time

African Children's Choir

*Concert on Sunday,
September 7
at 7 pm*



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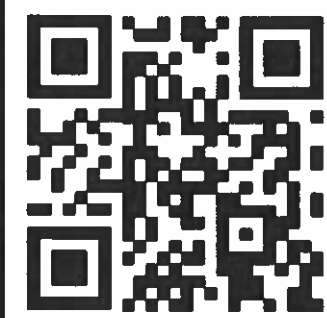
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SUNDAY | 3PM

OCTOBER 5, 2025

DOWNTOWN NEWTON

(Frank & Sue Jones Amphitheatre)

WHY WE WALK

To provide meals to the
homes facing food insecurity
in Catawba County!

INFORMATION

2:00PM - Registration

2:45PM - Awards

(Top Team Fundraiser, Largest Team, Top Individual Fundraiser and more)

**To be on the First Methodist Team, register Aug 31 or
Sept 7 in the church entry or contact Anita Deal.**



2025 September



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Aug 31 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 6:30 Heartfelt Prayer	3	4	5 10:00 setting up tables and chairs - need help!	6 9-3 NC GMC Laity Convocation
7 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:00 African Children's Choir concert in CFLC	8 9:00 Volunteer day at Ashure Ministry	9	10 7:00 Choir practice 1:00 Queen Esther	11 6:30 Hand & Foot	12 6:30 Dominoes	13
14 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 2:00 Harvest Festival planning meeting	15	16 6:30 Heartfelt Prayer	17 10:30-11:45 Bible Study	18 10:00 Christian Yoga 12:00 Goodtimer's Lunch	19 6:30 Dominoes	20 5:00 Fellowship meal
21 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 2:30 Trustees 4:00 Finance Comm 5:00 Church Council	22	23 Heartfelt Prayer time TBA 7-8:15 Bible Study	24 10:30-11:45 Bible Study	25 6:30 Methodist Men 6:30 Hand & Foot	26 6:30 Dominoes	27 5:30 Neighbor's Table
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MISSION TRIP TO KENYA SEPT 19-30

NOTES

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.
*Call the church office for more info on any of these opportunities.

September 2025

ANNIVERSARIES

3	Keith & Tommie Hall Clarence & Gaye Hood	21	Bruce & Michelle Cloninger Don & Cheryl Hedrick Dennis & Jo Ellen Knecht Julie & Jerry Patterson
4	Junior & Anita Deal	24	Margaret & Alex Putzer Wayne & Virginia Thornburg
5	Mike & Greta Induni	25	Tony & Kathy Martin
7	Brian & Ashley Mayberry	26	Bill & Jenny Harris
10	Mike & Anne Spencer	29	Brandon & Catie Hedrick
11	Alan & Melissa Fisher		
13	David & Robin Little		
18	Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar		
19	Michael & Laurie Cashion		



BIRTHDAYS

1	Ashley Barnabas Marsha Phillips Daniel Windham	12	Hank Beck	20	Madison Surret
4	Tommi Anderson Ronald Thornburg	13	Taylor Dellinger Elliott Hedrick Robbie Herman	21	Lois Goodson Dianne Hollar Jim Woffard
8	Allie Bunton Barbara Hager Mark Travis	14	Steve Christmas Jean Connor Shannon Rogers	22	John Hemmings Mary Logan Billy Sprouse
9	Ashley Drum Lee Moritz Jr. Taylor Job Hunter Williams	15	Jeanne Abernathy Junior Deal	25	Ken Johnson Thomas McCoy Linda Parker Alexander Rockett
10	Bill Harris Anita Huffman Derrick Thornburg	17	Caroline Williams	26	Kyle Moritz
11	Amber Boston Mary Ann Cooke	18	Joyce Lagunas Courtney Patterson	27	Greyson Hendren Jeanette Stewart
		19	Erin Moritz Betsy Walker	30	Michael Harris Cliff Wike