



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

May 20, 2025



Back row l-r: Levi Wilkinson, Shelby Tekieniewski, Penny Young, Zayda Fulbright,
front row, l-r Ezekiel Wilkinson, Deacon Sestric, Stella Yang Greyson Hendren, Asher Huffstetler

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH CONOVER PRESCHOOL GRADUATION 2025

Since 1966 FMCC has sponsored a preschool program for children ages 1 thru 5 years. This preschool program is a community outreach program that has run consecutively since the beginning.

On Friday May 30, 2025 at 11:00 AM we will be holding the Graduation Program for our 59th year of preschool. This will be held in the CFLC and all parents and church members are invited to attend.

This program has always been a major part of our community, and over the years thousands of members of this community have benefited from the generosity and caring of this congregation. God bless you all for the love and support of this program.

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:

Michael Thornburg, Ronald Thornburg,
Wayne & Virginia Thornburg, Pilar Tobar,
Michael, Emma & Evelyn Tozser, Mark & Beth Travis.

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor John and church family:

I thank you so much for the support you gave me after Tom's death and my surgery: the great food, cards, plant, calls, visits and transportation.

I am so blessed that Tom and I joined this church.

Brenda Watson

MEMORIAL

Children's Bank Fund

In memory of Priscilla "Sim" Horst by:
Cliff & Debbie Wike

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Ken Johnson at home

GREETERS for May 25

8:45am - Kim & Stan Reed
11:00am - Julie & Leonard Lawing

June 1

8:45am - Karen Windham
11:00am - Gaye Hoke & Jackie Lowdermilk

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS for May 25

8:45am - Alisha Shoup
11:00am - Ruth Brown

June 1

8:45am - Rebecca Stewart
11:00am - Donna Ross

June 8

8:45am - Melissa Johnson
11:00am - Kim Reed

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Lindsay & Corey Keisler, the proud parents of Arden Michele Keisler, born Saturday, May 17th. She has two proud brothers, Jeb and McCoy Keisler. Little Miss Keisler weighed 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Lee & Michele Moritz, and the great granddaughter of Lee Moritz, Sr.



NEWS TO USE



Ashure 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.

Anita Deal



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Ask, and it shall be given you," said Jesus, "since you, being evil,

- nevertheless will not give your son a stone when he asks for bread."
- deny others so much, your Father must compensate for your sins."
- will sink under your iniquities if you receive no aid."
- still are good enough to deserve some charity."

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

CAROLINA CARING CENTER FOR GRIEF AND HEALING

May / June 2025

Grief support is open to anyone experiencing grief. For more information or to register, please visit: carolinacaring.org/support, call 828.466.0466 ext. 3201, or email wspurling@carolinacaring.org

Walk It Out - In Person

Tuesdays, May 6, 20, & June 10, 24, 5:30p
Carolina Caring - 3975 Robinson Road, Newton
Park in visitor parking beside Building 1
(weather permitting)

Remembering Our Parents - In person

Saturday, May 31, 9:30a to 11:00a
Carolina Caring - 3975 Robinson Road, Newton
Bring a picture of your parent. Light breakfast.
Register by May 23

Brighter Days Camp - In Person

Thursday, June 12, 9:00a to 3:00p
Rising Hope Farm - 3775 Bethany Church Road,
Claremont
Register by June 2



Upcoming Camp - Burke County
August 7 - more information to come

Good Mourning Coffee - In person - Monthly
2nd Wednesday, 9:00a to 10:00a
Panera Bread - 2260 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory
Fryday Coffee - 106 E. First Street Unit B, Lowell

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 18, 2025

Sunday School:
87

Worship:

8:45am Service - 127
11:00am Service - 179
Total 306

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 16,163.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>	
Children's Bank	105.00
Kenya Mission Trip	500.00
Youth Fund	3.33
Total	\$ 16,771.33

May 29 -- Workday for VBS and other Ministries

We will meet at **10:00 on Thursday, May 29** to work on materials and decorations for Vacation Bible School.

We also have some hands-on tasks for other ministries that will be available to be done that day. Come help and enjoy some fellowship too!



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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:

a. nevertheless will not give your son a stone when he asks for bread.
(Matthew 7:7, 9-11)

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

Members in Nursing Facilities

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
Her husband, Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919

James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care)
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

Members at Home

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

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

Charlie Reed - (At son Greg's house)
4476 Red Hill Circle, Denver, NC 28037
His wife, Rona's cell: 828-244-3450

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



Pick up Printed Church Directory

If you requested a printed church directory (by signing on the pew pad) but haven't picked it up yet, they are available in Beth's office this week and will be in the narthex next

Sunday. These directories have name labels on them, so please be sure to find yours.

If you haven't requested one, but would like Beth to print you one, please let her know. (336) 480-4551 or woods777@aol.com.



CHURCH MEETINGS JUNE 1, 2025

Trustees Meeting - 2:30pm
Finance Committee Meeting - 4:00pm
Church Council Meeting - 5:00pm



EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE



Our Nurture Committee has formed a group of caring "Sisters in Christ" who send cards, gift bags, and other encouragement to our members who are going through a difficult time.

If you would like to join this group, you are welcome to attend a meeting any 1st or 3rd Wednesday of the month. Upcoming meetings are 5/21, 6/4, and 6/18 at 10:30 in the Prayer Shawl room. If you have other questions or know someone who would enjoy a card or visit, please contact Kim Reed 217-552-2853 or Cindy Clark 828-302-3217.

Sisters in Christ Birthday Luncheon Friday June 6th at 11:30 at Western Steer

All women of the church are invited to a luncheon at Western Steer in Newton on Friday, June 6th at 11:30. We will be honoring those who have birthdays in May and June. Lunch is on your own, except for the birthday girls who will be treated.

There will a sign-up sheet across from the conference room. Please sign up by Friday, May 30th. Is your birthday in May or June? Let us know by putting a star by your name. If you have any questions, call Jeanette Stewart (828) 315-0821, Cindy Clark (828) 302-3217, or Jean Slate (910) 624-9843.

Invite a friend and come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

Christian Yoga/Exercise Class for All



Karen Windham will be offering a once-a month yoga class with Christian music and prayer. This is a guided class offering modifications and is a class that is taught "to the class." You will be using chairs and the wall for support. You will begin to explore your capabilities; and as a result, learn strategies to adapt to external and internal stresses. You will examine your strength and balance through creative poses and shapes.

This class is open to anyone who wants to get stronger or improve balance and flexibility in a supportive environment.

Initial class dates for this class are: June 12, July 17, and August 14. Classes will begin at 10 am in our Connor Family Life Center and will run for about 60-70 minutes to allow participants to move at their own pace.

To express interest or for questions, please contact Karen Windham at kafawindham4@gmail.com or (828) 381-9551.

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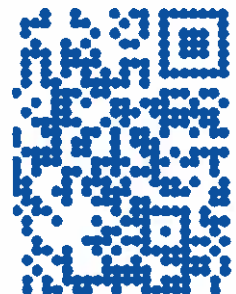
Please help support our Kenya Mission Team by donating today!
Our mission team will be visiting Kenya in September. While there they will be visiting several villages distributing Bibles, food, and sharing the love of Jesus! They will also be working with a local pastor who has a church, orphanage, and a school for children ages 4-15.



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