



# First Methodist Church

## OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

June 18, 2024

### Out of the Woods — “The Friend Who Stands Beside”

Jackie Robinson was the first black person to play major league baseball. While breaking baseball's “color barrier,” he faced many crowds who jeered him in every stadium he came to. While playing one day at his home stadium in Brooklyn, he committed an error. His own fans began to ridicule him. He stood at second base, humiliated, while thousands of fans heckled, hissed and booed.

Suddenly, shortstop “Pee Wee” Reese came over and stood next to him. Pee Wee put his arm around Jackie Robinson and together they faced the crowd. Quickly, the fans grew silent. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career.

We've all been there, I suppose...standing in need of someone to face our problems with us. I can think of several people who have been there for me in a time of difficulty, standing at my side, showing solidarity and love. I'd also like to believe that there have been times we were there for that person who needed the encouraging arm around their shoulder.

In Galatians, the apostle Paul writes these words: **“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ”** (Gal. 6:2). That's a good word for us, because it means that this gospel will be incomplete unless we partner together to fulfill it. Open yourself today to find someone whose burdens you might lighten. It just might make an eternal difference!

Grace and Peace!

*Pastor John*



Summer  
Worship  
Schedule

### SUMMER SERMON SERIES: “FAQ”

This summer our worship sermons will focus on questions John has heard many of you ask at various times. Be sure to invite someone — a co-worker or friend, to join you for this sermon series!

June 30 <sup>th</sup>	What Happens When I Die?
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Doesn't Science Disprove Christianity?
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Why Does God Allow Suffering?
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	How Could a Loving God Send People to Hell?
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	How Can I Know God's Will for My Life?
August 25	Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?

**\*\*You'll note a gap in this schedule. I have agreed for our church to be part of a “pulpit swap” with 6 other GMC churches in our area. For a couple of Sundays, other GMC ministers will experience the gift of our congregation and I will have to opportunity to lead worship at a couple of other churches.**

# \*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:

Ruby Williams, Hollie Williamson,  
Dan & Karen Windham, Wayne & Sybil Windsor,  
Jim Wofford, John, Beth & Hannah Woods.

## 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!



## IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Anthony Price at home  
Mary Jean Hollar at Pardee Hospital (at home)

## MEMORIAL

### Music Fund (Choir Stoles)

In memory of Terry Martin by:  
Karen Martin

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## HONORARIUM

### Music Fund (Choir Stoles)

In honor of our choir members by:  
Clyde & Carol Kistler

## Our Church Is Growing! Help Us Welcome Visitors!

We are seeking friendly faces to assist our ushers in welcoming members and visitors as they arrive on Sunday mornings. Would you be willing to help by being a greeter? One Sunday a month? One Sunday a quarter?

## 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 addition, I will be ordering some yard signs for members and friends to display in their yards. These would have our church information along with a message of welcome and invitation. If you would be interested in such a sign, please let me know so I can determine a quantity to order.

In His Service Together,  
Beth Woods

(336) 480-4551 or [woods777@aol.com](mailto:woods777@aol.com)

Jesus is First  
at

First Methodist Church  
OF CONOVER



Join us any Sunday!

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METHODIST CHURCH

# 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

When His disciples asked Him who had sinned, that the man they saw had been blind from birth, Jesus said

- a. the man himself
- b. his parents
- c. all the world
- d. that it was not a question of sinning, at all

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

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**By Our Presence June 16, 2024**

Sunday School:  
95

Worship:  
8:45am Service 145  
11:00am Service 121  
Total 266

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

General Fund \$ 8,230.00  
*(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)*

Children's Bank 115.00  
Harvest Festival (T-shirts) 36.00  
Music Fund (Choir Stoles) 2,030.00

Total \$ 10,411.00

## 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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## 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:  
d. that it was not a question of sinning, at all  
(John 9:1-3)

## 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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Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fmconover.org



## 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

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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.

# 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



## EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE



### VBS Workdays

*Come help us prepare decorations and other materials for VBS!*

June 18: 2:00-5:00 in CFLC – iron-on decals on t-shirts, cutting out decorations and game pieces, sorting and organizing (We do need a couple of irons – but not ironing boards as we will use a harder surface.)

June 24: 2:00-5:00 in CFLC – prepping for snacks and activities (maybe more ironing?)

June 25: 3:30 – 5:30 set up in the Downtown City Park – hiding scavenger hunt items, setting up activities

July 11: 2:00-4:00 and 6:30-8:30 in CFLC – creating decorations and signs, cutting out memory verses and other activities

July 12: 10:00-noon in CFLC – creating decorations and signs, cutting out memory verses and other activities

July 15: 3:30-until done – Set up in CFLC

Aug 3: 9:30 am – set up either outside at church or in the CFLC (weather dependent)

For questions, contact Beth Woods at 336-480-4551 or [woods777@aol.com](mailto:woods777@aol.com). No need to register for workdays – just come as you can!

### Youth Summer 2024

June 30 – regular meeting 5:30-7:30

July 7 – regular meeting 5:30-7:30

July 28 – regular meeting 5:30-7:30

Service project & ice cream outing – TBD





**WHAT A MESS!** **VBS!**

**\*JUNE 25: 5:30-7:30PM** At Conover Downtown Park

**\*JULY 16, 17, 18: 5:30-7:30PM** **DINNER, BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, SNACKS, GAMES, SCIENCE AND MORE!**

**\*AUG 3: 10:30AM -12:30**

**At First Methodist Church of Conover**  
410 First Avenue N, Conover, NC

**Age 3 - current 5th graders**

# REGISTRATION

Child's Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) going into this fall \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size(s): \_\_\_\_\_

We plan to attend

\_\_\_\_\_ June 25 at the Downtown City Park

\_\_\_\_\_ July 16 at First Methodist Church

\_\_\_\_\_ July 17 at First Methodist Church

\_\_\_\_\_ July 18 at First Methodist Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Aug 3 at First Methodist Church

May we take photographs of your child having fun at VBS? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the church office or to Beth Woods at [woods777@aol.com](mailto:woods777@aol.com) or 336-480-4551.





*Please join us!*

# RIBBON CUTTING

**06.26.2024 | 4:30pm**

**245 East N Street, Newton**

**Celebrating our new name, expanded service area, and  
expanded food storage area**

