



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

June 11, 2024

“WHAT YOU REPLAY”

My mom is counting down the days. We're at T-minus 6 weeks until the 2024 Olympic Games begin in Paris. She'll be glued to the TV all day and then late into the night watching all the action, her star-spangled blood pulling for you-know-who. I watch a little as well, but sometimes I just have to shake my head at the announcers.

After each athlete performed, they would do this little replay. I've never seen a replay of anything that they did right. Instead, they insist on showing two or three times where he or she messed up. *“Look, everybody – see the one thing she did wrong.”* That bothered me.

It makes me think about one of my favorite relationship verses in the Bible. It's a great verse to memorize because it's one of the keys to Christ-like, loving relationships. It's also hard to do sometimes. Here's what it says in Ephesians 4:29: ***“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.”***

God says, *“Lose the talk that tears people down; stick to saying things that will build people up.”* It might be interesting to play back a recording of your conversations the last couple of weeks—what you said to your kids, your spouse, your co-workers, maybe your employees. Social researchers tell us that for every one negative input we get, we need seven positives to bring us back to zero. Yikes! Seven to one—the ratio of “build them up” comments to “tear them down” comments. If the Lord played back a recording of us, I wonder what the ratio would be?

All too often, we tend to be like those Olympic announcers: replaying not what people do right, but replaying their mistakes and shortcomings, or where you think they messed up. Sometimes it even sounds like we're happy to be able to criticize. Those athletes had done so much right, but the commentator insisted on focusing on something they think they did wrong. Sound familiar? Could it be you're hurting the people you care about, or ought to care about? It's that “unwholesome talk” (to use the Bible's words) that God says we should not let come out of our mouths.

Maybe it's time to evaluate and clean up your speech. Not from profanity or dirty talk — you probably don't do a lot of that. But from the negative talk, the judgmental talk that is tearing down the joy or reputation of people around you. Maybe even people you love very much. They need you to replay the good things about them, the things they're doing right, the things you want them to do more of.

The world is filled with people who will keep replaying your mistakes. We don't need any more of those. Followers of Jesus are called to something better, judging their input by this question, *“Will this build that person up?”*

It could change the course of someone's day, maybe even the course of their life, by choosing to replay the things they do right.



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:

Carolyn Whitlock, Cliff & Debbie Wike,
Dillon, Ashley, EmmaGrace, Silas & CaliWrynn Wike,
Emmett & Jane Wike, Beaver & Marsha Williams,
Caroline Williams, Nathan Williams.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Bob Goodson at home

HONORARIUM

Music Fund (Choir Stoles)

In honor of our choir members by:
Cliff & Debbie Wike

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, texts, cards and phone calls during this difficult time of losing my sister. It means a lot knowing you have a loving and caring church family.

Todd and Melissa Punch

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and calls over the last several months as my family and I were deciding what to do about some of my medical issues. We are so blessed to be a part of this church and to count each of you as true friends and extended family. We love each of you dearly!

Bob and Lois Goodson

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

Jesus is First
at

First Methodist Church
OF CONOVER



Join us any Sunday!

410 First Ave. N

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GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

NEWS TO USE

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!

Thanks to the 10 FMCC volunteers who represented our church last Monday at Ashure Ministry. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

You're invited! Join us June 19 at Ashure Ministry for coffee and conversation. From 8:30 - 9:30 you will have a tour and learn more about our ministry that has served Catawba County for 55 years. Reservations required 828-465-1702.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"There is no truth in him," said Jesus, referring to

- a. the devil
- b. the high priest
- c. Pilate
- d. Judas Iscariot

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 9, 2024

Sunday School:
114

Worship:
8:45am Service 138
11:00am Service 134
Total 272

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 16,386.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,804)</i>	
Children's Bank	190.00
Disaffiliation Fund	200.00
Music Fund (Choir Stoles)	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,976.00

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:

a. the devil
(John 8:44)

CHURCH STAFF

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



YOUTH SUMMER PLANS

Fri, June 14 * 2-6

Work on the Clark Classroom (wear grungy clothes!) Dinner included.

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.**

Date & time TBD

Local service project.

August 9-11

Attend Surge Retreat!

**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.**

WHAT A MESS!

VBS!

**DINNER, BIBLE STORIES,
CRAFTS, SNACKS, GAMES, SCIENCE AND MORE!**

JUNE 25: 5:30-7:30

At Conover Downtown Park

JULY 16, 17, 18: 5:30-7:30

AUG 3: 10:30-12:30

At First Methodist Church

410 First Avenue N Conover



REGISTER or QUESTIONS

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**Come join the
messy fun at
all 5 sessions!**

**Age 3 -
current 5th graders**

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

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

**NEWEST MEMBERS OF
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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024**

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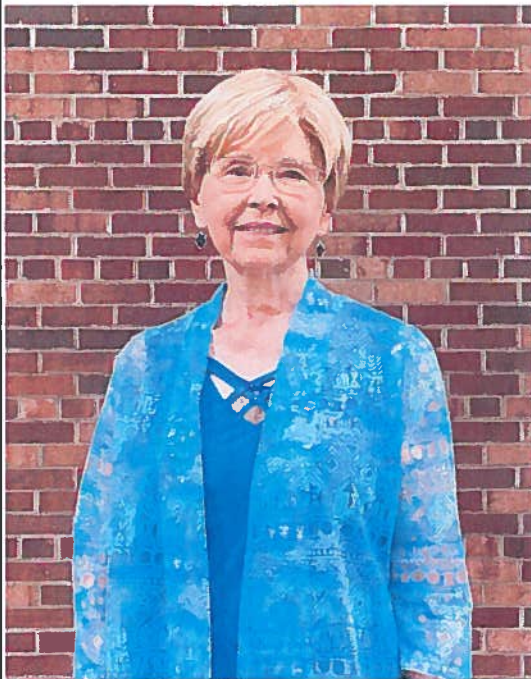
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