



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

January 28, 2025

Report from the Global Methodist Assembly of Bishops

The six bishops elected at General Conference last September, along with the two that have been serving for the past two years make up the Global Methodist Assembly of Bishops. The Assembly began meeting in November and now meet at least weekly for prayer and planning. They have begun a series of virtual "town hall" meetings (which anyone may attend). The following is a selection of excerpts from the most recent of these meetings:

We established that our priority as an Assembly of Bishops is to cast the vision of a Spirit-filled Methodism through clear doctrinal teaching, Christ-following leadership development, and holy living. ...

We will call our church to repentance for our personal and collective sin because we believe it is the key for the renewal of the church. We will advocate for a lean denominational bureaucracy with no central funding source. We will embrace a healthy connectionalism as a value to the local church. And we will work to foster healthy, mutually beneficial mission partnerships between our conferences. We will aspire to operate in a spirit of respect for all regions of the world, and we will work together in relationship with mission partners, commissions, our denominational staff, and annual conference leaders.

Bishops in the GMC have some very practical responsibilities within our annual conferences. We are responsible for the selection of the Conference Superintendent, ordination of clergy and setting of appointments. ...

We realize how easy it would be to stay very useful and busy and miss our charge, so we are being intentional about how we will live out our work as spiritual leaders.

We believe the coming revival is theological in nature, and so it is appropriate that our charge according to the Book of Doctrines and Discipline is to teach, preach, and guard the faith. We will be committed to being an orthodox expression of historical Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition and we will be submitted to the primacy and authority of scripture in every area of our lives. ...

Our deep hope is that the Global Methodist movement can continue as just that — a movement that is Spirit-driven, revivalist, spiritually fruitful with a culture of call thick with the excitement of church planting as evangelism. May we never lose our commitment to the least, last and lost. And may we always advocate for a Holy Spirit-inspired movement submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ — a true Spirit-filled Methodism. We believe this is the unique contribution we as Global Methodists can make to the Body of Christ.

To read the entire message, or to register to "attend" future virtual meetings, go to:
<https://globalmethodist.org/connectional-conversations/>



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

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:

Jennifer & Todd Miller, Greg Monk,
Harry & Trenia Monk, Johnny & Denise Moose,
Debbie & Erin Moritz, Kyle Moritz & McKenzie Becker.



SOUL SISTERS SOUP SALE

Join the Soul Sisters Circle at First Methodist Church of Conover for another heartwarming fundraiser!

- Soup Options:
 1. Cheesy Potato
 2. Chicken with Wild Rice & Vegetables
 3. Hamburger Taco
- Price:

\$6 per pint. Payment can be remitted at pick-up.
- Purpose:

All proceeds will be dedicated to supporting local missions. Your generosity will make a meaningful impact on our community, reaching those in need.
- Order Deadline:

Make sure to place your orders by Wednesday, February 5th. To place your orders, you may call Rita Deal at (828) 234-0632.
- Pickup Details:
 1. Date: Saturday, February 8th
Time: 12pm-1pm
 2. Date: Sunday, February 9th
Time: 10am-11am
 3. Location: Connor Family Life Center, FMCC

Don't miss out on this opportunity to savor delicious soups while contributing to a great cause.

Thank you for supporting the Soul Sisters Circle and local missions.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Nancy Clarke at home
Bob Goodson at home

February 2, 2025

8:45am - Linda Parker, Eddie Warren

11:00am - Beth Woods

Anyone who wishes to be a greeter or usher, call Harold Thornburg at (828) 312-1953 - cell; or home number (828) 464-6826.



SYMPATHY NOTE

Margaret "Nell" Johnson, age 92, died Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Kingston Residence in Hickory.

Nell was a member of First Methodist Church of Conover.

Arrangements are pending at this time. A phone tree message will be sent out when the arrangements have been made.

Our thoughts are with her family during this time.

NEW ADDRESS

Elaine Biles
189 Trelawn Street
Fort Mill, SC 29715

(In hospital but will be going into a facility for pain management.)

Jeanette Davis
102 Leonard Avenue, Room 210
Newton, NC 28658

NEWS TO USE

ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food **request for January** is **canned soup and broth**. 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.

Monday, February 3rd is our church's volunteer day at Ashure Ministries. Anytime you can volunteer from 8:30am - 4:30pm would be great!



VALENTINE CHEER

Love is in the air and the Caring Ministry requests your help spreading love and joy to our homebound and nursing facility members. Bags will be placed this week outside Beth's office for our 11 congregational care members. We invite you to bring Valentine cards and goodies to add to each bag. **The deadline will be February 9th** so that we can deliver before Valentine's Day.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping with this ministry. You are invited to join a group to deliver the bags during the week of the 9th and share in the joy of this ministry.

The Caring Ministry Team



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Upon Jesus' baptism, when the voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved son," the Spirit of God descended like

- a. an eagle
- b. a cloud
- c. a dove
- d. a pillar of fire

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 26, 2025

Sunday School:
99

Worship:
8:45am Service 131
11:00am Service 141
Total 272

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 13,864.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>	
Children's Bank	70.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	1,400.00
Total	\$ 15,334.00



Baton Recital: Gail Kale's Galaxies

Join us for an exciting and inspiring Baton recital presented by **Gale Kale's Galaxies** featuring talented young twirlers showcasing their skills and routines.

Artistic Director: Gail Kale Bordner

Hosted by: DMA Teen Majorette Queen Lilly-Ann Stewart

This recital will feature girls from ages 5 and up, all performing their beautifully choreographed baton routines. It is sure to be a wonderful display of talent, dedication, and teamwork.

Date: Sunday March 2nd

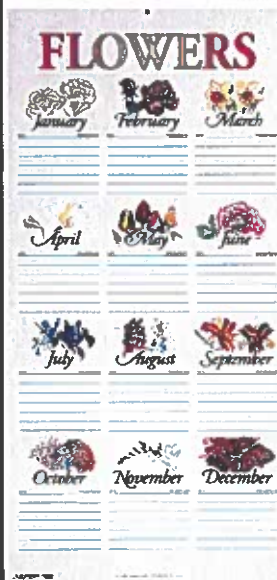
Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Connor Family Life Center, First Methodist Church of Conover



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410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
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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

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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. a dove
(Matthew 3:16-17)

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)
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

Mary Ann Simpson - Kingston Residence (Room 214)
904 2nd Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C13)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658



Dottie Aycock-Harris - Mailing address: 1449 Brookstone Drive, Hickory, NC 28602
(Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919

Don Hedrick - Mailing address: PO Box 542, Claremont, NC 28610
Physical address: 4028 E US 70 Hwy, Claremont, NC 28610
His wife, Cheryl's phone# (828) 381-7956

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

Dolores Setzer - PO Box 1237, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 256-1421

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

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

VBS Planning Meeting February 2 at 4:00



The summer calendar is already filling up, so we need to set a date for VBS, choose a theme, and establish a volunteer base. With this in mind, we will have an initial planning meeting on Sunday, February 2 at 4:00 in the Conference Room. If you have any interest in VBS, as a parent, volunteer, or advisor, PLEASE plan to attend this meeting! Attending does not obligate you to anything, but gives you the opportunity to let your ideas be heard!

For questions, contact Beth Woods (336) 480-4551.

Chili Fellowship Meal



Mark your calendars for Feb 8 at 5:00 for our February fellowship night and Chili meal. We need about 20 people to bring chili, others to bring cornbread, crackers, or biscuits, and others to bring toppings or desserts. We'll have divided bowls to allow you to sample several chilis at once. And you can vote for your favorite!

You can sign up to bring one of the items for the meal on Beth's office door or online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAFAC29A7FE3-54528357-chili>

See the church Facebook page for a clickable link.

If all of the slots are filled, PLEASE just join us for a fun evening! You can bring something next time!

HEY, MORE NEWS TO USE

Journey to Jerusalem Prayer Walk Organizational Meeting – Sunday, February 9 at 2:00



We have just a little more than 2 months until the opening day of our 2025 Journey to Jerusalem Prayer Walk. For those who have never experienced it, this is an immersive walk-through experience that tells the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, from creation to Jesus' birth, through His ministry, and to His death and resurrection. For the week of April 13-18, the Connor Family Life Center will be totally transformed into winding passageways that tell this moving story with scenes, scents, sounds, costumed characters, and live action. It is an enormous undertaking that requires many hours of work from many people. And we can use YOUR help! We need people willing to set up room dividers, hang fabric, set up scenes, and act as costumed hosts.

Set up will begin 2-3 weeks in advance, but there are some tasks that can be done even earlier. We need help with publicity, planning, preparing guides in Spanish and English, as well as help during set-up and the run of the event.

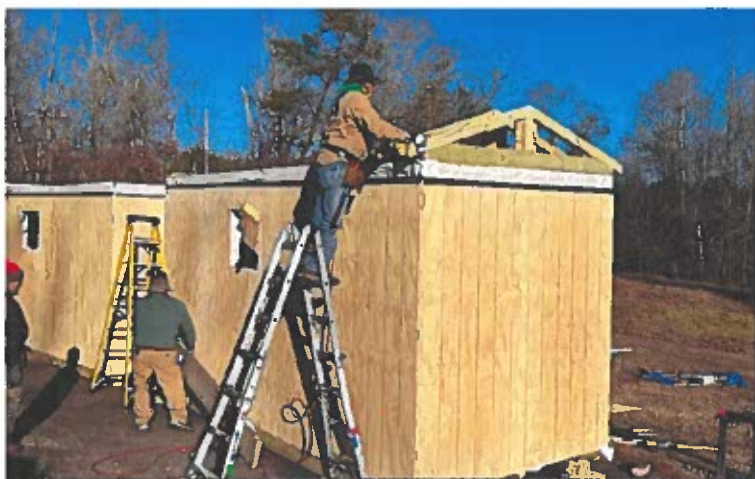
If you are interested in helping, please attend the first organizational meeting on Sunday February 9 at 2:00 in the Faithbuilders Classroom in the Connor Family Life Center. For more information, contact Beth Woods or Anthony Price (828) 228-6467.

Special Activities for Children Feb 9 During Both Worship Services

During both worship services on February 9, all children are invited to leave the service at the time normally set aside for their time with Beth. The children will have a lesson, snack, and arts & craft service project during this time and will be returned to the sanctuary to be reunited with their parents at the end of the service.



Additional Needs for Cabins 4 Christ



You've read for the past few weeks that the NC Conference of the Global Methodist Church is sponsoring the construction of cabins for those displaced by Hurricane Helene. FMC member Gary Little has participated in the building process and shared these pictures.



In order for the cabins to be usable, however, they need to be furnished. The sponsors are asking for donations (cash or purchase) of the following items:

- composting toilets
- full or queen size mattresses
- sheets to fit
- mini solar systems for electricity
- buddy propane heaters for heat
- hook-ups for 20 lb tanks

If you would like to donate or help, please email Norma Roberts ASAP at norma.roberts@ncglobalmethodist.org. If you don't use email, someone in the church office will be glad to help you contact Norma Roberts.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE...

ATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHORUS

...COME SING WITH US THIS SPRING!

**Spring Session Begins
Tuesday, February 18
6:30pm - 7:45pm**

**Choral Room
Mount Zion Lutheran Church
4420 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613**



More details at: www.zionhickory.org/cvcchorus



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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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30-12:30 Hoops Games
2 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 VBS planning mtg No Youth meeting	3 9:00 Volunteer day at Ashure Ministry	4 1:00 Prayer Shawl ministry No Bible Study	5 No Bible Study 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:00 Hoops end-of-season banquet 7:00 Choir practice	6 6:30 Hand & Foot	7 6:30 Dominoes	8 Soul Sisters Soup Sale (Sat & Sun) 5:00 Fellowship dinner (Bring chili, bread or dessert)
9 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 2:00 Prayer Walk planning meeting Youth meeting 5-7	10	11 7-8:15 Bible Study	12 10:30-11:45 Bible Study 1:00 Queen Esther Circle 1:00 Hand & Foot 7:00 Choir practice	13 6:30 Hand & Foot	14 6:30 Dominoes	15 5:30 Neighbor's Table
16 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship No Youth meeting	17	18 7-8:15 Bible Study	19 10:30-11:45 Bible Study 1:00 Hand & Foot GoodTimers trip (TBA - may be on Thursday) 7:00 Choir practice	20 6:30 Methodist Men 6:30 Hand & Foot	21 6:30 Dominoes	22
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Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Brenda Heafner Margaret Kilpatrick
2 Jody Brackett Jessie Crooks Morgan Fulbright	3 Caylee Cannon Melissa Hunsucker	4 Vickie Stryker	5	6	7 Donna Ross	8 Christiney Haggins Cheryl Hedrick
9 Elaine Biles Taylor Rockett Hannah Whisnant	10	11 Gerald Loftin Anne Spencer	12 Matthew Hornick Caroline Porter Jean Slate	13	14 Melissa Fisher Greg Flynn	15 Anna Rockett
16 Felicia Griffith Kyler Henderson Lisa Hernandez Brad Little Chris McCoy	17 Holly Hentschel Karen Martin Samantha Rockett Melissa Steelmon	18 Patricia Howard John Sherbert	19 Grace Ann Beatty Jack Hoke Josh Sigmon	20	21 Donna Chipley Doug Rockett CalliWynn Wike	22 Finley Cloninger Tyler Johnson
23 Diane Howard Mack Little	24 David Rockett	25 Kelly Matthews	26 Kaitlin Hornick	27 Anita Deal Kathy Martin	28 Alex Putzer Donna Rudisill Ron Ward	

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Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Scott and Michelle Gilleland	3 Clay and Vicki Rockett	4	5 Leonard and Patricia Walling	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Rodney and Darlene Burgess	13	14	15 Michael and Tammy Goode
16	17	18	19	20 Donald and Carolyn Scronce	21	22
23	24	25	26 Al and Lisa Hernandez	27 Eric and Kim Connor	28	