

First Newton

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming one diverse community

Worshipping Jesus passionately

Practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality

LOVING ALL PEOPLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

Worship @ FIRST NEWTON

We have an exciting worship plan in place. We hope you'll make plans to be present each Sunday as we welcome guest preachers, celebrate Pentecost, a special music Sunday and a new Brunch Worship experience. Here's a preview of our upcoming schedule:

JUNE 9: Pentecost Sunday - Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith will be preaching.

JUNE 16: Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastoral Counselor with the Methodist Counseling Center will be our guest preacher and we'll celebrate Father's Day.

JUNE 23: Music Celebration Sunday! One combined service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

JUNE 30: One combined BRUNCH WORSHIP service in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. as our Youth will help lead the service.

JULY 7: One combined worship service in the in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Please keep Rev. Willis in your prayers while she is on Renewal Leave. This is a time of continuing education for ministry, professional development, & spiritual formation. She will return July 1.

DO GOOD SUMMER CAMPAIGN KICK OFF PLANNED

A message from Deacon Shannon LeMaster-Smith

John Wesley said, "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."

For a summer youth mission trip theme a few years ago, I paraphrased this quote to read: "Do Good – However, Whatever, Wherever, Whenever, Forever." We sold over 300 navy and purple t-shirts to people all over the Western North Carolina Conference to promote this cause of "doing good" and raise money for youth missions. This summer, I'm happy to introduce two new colors – teal and gold!

While the First Newton Youth may not be going on a mission trip this summer, we will certainly be engaged in "doing good" around our community this summer – "however, whatever, wherever, whenever..." And we invite YOU – the whole First Newton UMC congregation – to join us!

On Sunday, June 30th, the whole congregation will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our first Brunch Worship at 10:30 a.m. Our theme for this Brunch Worship will be a "do good" rally – to inspire and encourage various ways of doing good this summer.

Before you make other plans – this is NOT an effort to get you to sign up to do one more thing. Rather, it's an invitation to consider what you're already doing – and how God might use you in your every day doing to share God's love with others.

What is Brunch Worship? It's a blended worship service+potluck that involves music, prayer, a short message, conversation, and delicious food that you all bring! It will be a lively, wonderful celebration of worship and Jesus' call for us to love our neighbor "in all the ways we can." You won't want to miss it!

DO GOOD T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Our "Do Good" t-shirts have arrived. You may pick them up on Sundays after worship near the Gomedela Room or from the Church Office Monday - Thursday from 9-3. T-shirts are one for \$15 or two for \$25 in Teal or Gold in sizes XS to 3XL.



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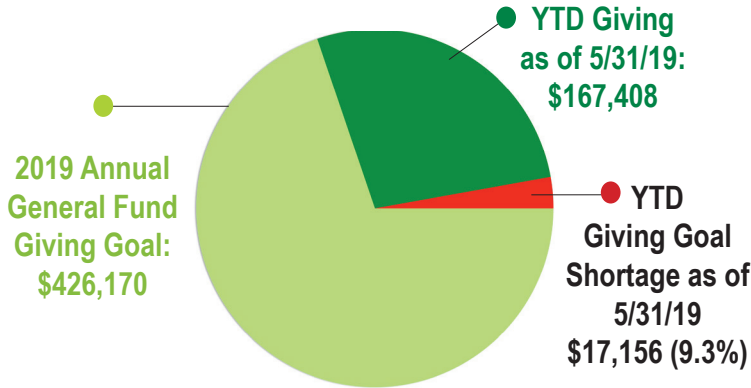
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SPECIAL SUNDAYS SCHEDULE:

For 3 Sundays June 23, 30 & July 7
we will meet for 1 worship service @ 10:30 a.m.

AN UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

The Finance Team provides a monthly snapshot of our year-to-date giving to keep us up to speed on our church finances. Detailed financial updates are shared at the monthly Church Council meetings and notes are made available in the Welcome Center. The next Church Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. As a reminder, meetings are open for anyone to attend. You may also contact George Wilkinson with questions at gwilkinson0228@gmail.com



AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	MAY 2018	MAY 2019
Sunday School	53	42
8:30 Contemporary Worship Service	55	49
10:30 Traditional Worship Service	116	88
TOTAL WORSHIP AVERAGE	171	137

**Attendance from the former 8:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary is counted in the Traditional Worship Service for the 2018 average.*



ON-LINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can support the work of the church by giving in a variety of ways. Many find that online giving meets their needs. For more information visit: firstnewton.org/give

ECCCM NEEDS GROCERY/SHOPPING BAGS

The Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry (ECCCM) uses these to bag food for clients and to bag clothing and items in the thrift store. Bags can be dropped off at ECCCM during operating hours, or if they are closed, bags can be tied up into a larger bag and left in a bin that is on their back loading dock.



NEXT JOY GATHERING THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our devotion will be led by Bishop Don Bledsoe from Covenant Christian Church. Our program, "Be Red Cross Ready: What you should do ahead of time to prepare for possible disasters and other emergencies" will be presented by Amelia Lenke, Disaster Program Specialist for Blue Ridge Piedmont Chapter of American Red Cross. The lunch menu is Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Chips, & Assorted Desserts. RSVP for lunch by calling the Church Office at 828-464-8422 by Tuesday, June 11. For more information, contact Bev Underwood @ 828-465-0481.

METHODIST WOMEN LUNCH AT O'CHARLEY'S

All women of the church (and friends) are invited to meet for lunch at O'Charley's on Wednesday, June 5 at 11:30 a.m. Please call Martha Sowers at 828-464-6954 with questions.



SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

Our Youth are sponsoring a special Father's Day Bulletin on Sunday, June 16. You may honor or remember a father, grandfather or that special man by filling out the envelope enclosed in your weekly bulletin and returning it to the church office along with \$1 for each person honored or remembered. **The deadline is Monday, June 10.**

VBS - JULY 20
VERY BIG SATURDAY
@ PIN STATION
(10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
Ages: 3 years (potty trained) - 6th Grade

Registration starts Mid-June on Facebook & Website!



CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES

We pray that God will bless you with His heavenly spirit and give you a sense of joy and peace. Please know that you are loved by God and by this church family.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Discovery High School: Tucker Clark, Will Johnson, Adam Wilson
Fred T. Foard High School: Nathan Rhyne, Julia Richard
Maiden High School: Abigail Driscoll, Owen Sims
Newton-Conover High School: Nathaniel Ray Doty, Nickolas Foster
St. Stephens High School: Alexis King

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

METHODIST WOMEN:
 Cooper Butts, East Carolina University
 Anna Eblen, UNC-Chapel Hill
 Easton Finger, Liberty University
 Hannah Florez, NC State University
 Zoe Huffman, UNC-Wilmington
 Jamie Nunez, Belmont Abbey
 Madison Shull, UNC-Wilmington

WELLBORN SCHOLARSHIP*:
 Addyson Ikard, Lees McRae College
 Alexis King, Lees McRae College

ODUM SCHOLARSHIP:**
 Nathan Rhyne, Univ. of South Carolina

*The following students received Wellborn Scholarship renewals: Ivey Eller, CVCC; Emily Kiziah, Lenoir Rhyne University; Holden York, Johnson & Wells

**The following students received Odum Scholarship renewals: Hudson McAllister, Lenoir Rhyne University; Hannah Lowder, Univ. of South Carolina; Neely Harvell, Lenoir Rhyne University; Camryn Gantt, Gardner Webb



On Sunday, June 2, we celebrated our graduating high school seniors during the 10:30 worship service and recognized our scholarship recipients.



All 6th -12th graders are welcome to join the Youth of First Newton for worship and fun. Please contact Deacon Shannon for details. Here's an overview of our upcoming events:

- **Sunday, June 9:** Pentecost Party / Bonfire
- **Sunday, June 23:** Deadline to sign-up for White Water Rafting on Aug. 5
- **Sunday, June 30:** Help lead brunch worship (10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall)



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children ages 3 – 5th grade. These groups meet on the level below the Sanctuary from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Our 1st-5th graders curriculum "Illustrated Psalms," is exploring the book of Psalms.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH At First Newton we love having children in worship! Our Time for All Ages highlights a special aspect of worship, liturgy, or scripture that is interesting for children. For the summer months of June, July, and August, we will have additional activities in the worship bags for children to enjoy while participating in the service. We encourage parents to look at the pew inserts about how to help your children participate in worship. **Children's Church will resume on September 8th.**

MAKE AND TAKE ART EVENTS Children are invited to Make & Take art sessions at the Resource Warehouse Gallery on Thursdays, June 27, July 18, August 8 & 22. Bring \$5 for the art project, proceeds benefit Safe Harbor. Bring a bag lunch and a drink to enjoy at a local park after doing art. We'll meet at the church at 10 a.m. and return around 1 p.m.



On Sunday, May 19 we celebrated K4C during both worship services and the kids joined us at 10:30. Deacon Shannon shared a video during the 8:30 service that highlighted what the kids learned this year. You may check it out at: firstnewton.org/k4cVideo



NEWTON METHODIST PRESCHOOL

On Thursday, May 23, we celebrated Preschool Graduation. Thank you to all of the children, parents & teachers who joined us!

As a reminder, the Preschool is now enrolling for Fall 2019. Contact Kristi Harvell for more information or to schedule a tour at: 828-465-6397 or newtonmethodistpreschool@gmail.com.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Friends, the Church Council wishes to inform you that Michael Roberts has submitted his resignation, and June 2 was his last day serving as our Praise Team Leader. We appreciate Michael's dedication and the musical talent he has shared with our church, and wish him all the best. The Church Council will begin a search and interviews in July. If you are aware of someone who may have interest in this position, please call the Church Office at 828-464-8422. Thank you! Mike Jenkins



FIRST CHURCH IS SEEKING A CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

The purpose of this position is two-fold: 1) to administer the life of the congregation and 2) create a welcoming environment by giving oversight to hospitality ministries. This position requires detailed organizational / administrative skills, strong computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Access) and the ability to mobilize others for church ministry. This is a 30hr/week position with hours on Sunday morning. Salary is negotiable depending on experience & credentials. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit a cover letter, with resume and references to office@firstnewton.org. Contact the Church Office for more information and a complete job description.

MAY MEMORIALS

Brandy Burnette.....	Brandy Burnette Fund
Ruth Foust.....	Capitol Building Fund
Pat Britt.....	JOY
Phyllis Nichols	Garden Fund
Melba Nichols	Garden Fund
Abigail Butterfield.....	Garden Fund
David Evans Propst	Garden Fund

BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Dellinger	6/1	Andrew Stone	6/12
Alden Elliott	6/2	Jewell Wooten	6/12
Sue Ingle	6/2	Joe Colletta	6/14
Jill Philmon	6/2	David Hardin	6/15
Chase Boston	6/3	Robert Smith	6/18
Becky Wilkinson	6/3	Kayla Wilson	6/18
Jim Yount	6/4	Greg Phillips	6/20
Melissa Bean	6/5	Stacey Gregory	6/23
Sara Caldwell	6/5	Sam Foster	6/25
Ann Faust	6/5	Sarah Johnson	6/25
Debbie Rights	6/5	Addison Hefner	6/27
Michelle White	6/5	Alexander Mull	6/28
Michael Clontz	6/7	Julia Richard	6/28
Hank Weddington	6/8	Will Powell II	6/29
Lauren Hildebran	6/9	Riley Templeton	6/29
Barbara Bohler	6/10	Kerri Setzer	6/30
Neel Dennie	6/11		

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Heather Clontz	6/2
Wayne & Faye Swofford	6/2
Jacob & Tammy Smith Jr.	6/4
Howard & Wadine Smith	6/6
Robert & Diane Smith	6/6
Carl & Michelle Wayne	6/6
Tommy & Patricia Howard	6/12
Joe & Nancy Killian	6/12
Larry & Frances Hollar Sr.	6/15
Tom & Margaret Dixon	6/16
Joe & Judy Beaman Jr.	6/20
Ken & Pat Lawing	6/23
Ray & Billie Shrum	6/23
Gabe & Allyson Ervin	6/24
Nicky & Kay Smyre	6/27
Bob & Brenda Saunders	6/28
Ken & Pat Simmons	6/29
Jack & Anne Brooks	6/30

MEMORIAL STONES

If you would like to purchase a Memorial Stone, please stop by the Church Office to pick up the order form. The cost is \$150. You may provide information about the person and include a picture that will be added to a Memory Book (like our Veterans Book) for our church archives.

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

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NEW FACILITIES EMAIL

A new email address has been established for direct contact with the Property Sub Team of Church Council (formerly knowns as Trustees) – fumcproperty@gmail.com. Please use this email address to raise any property concerns and building repair requests.