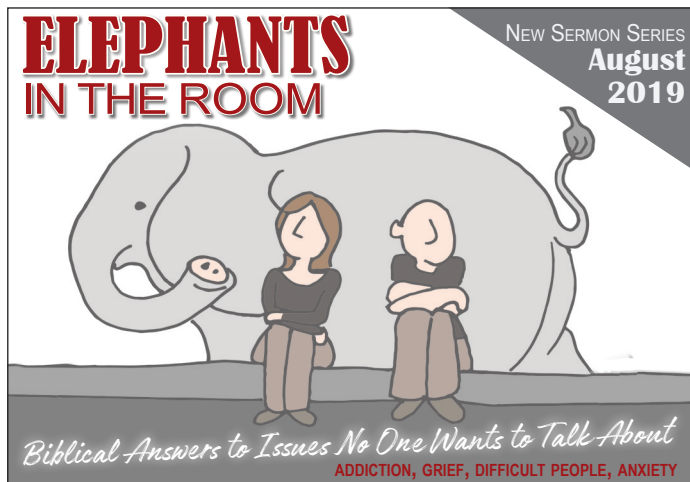


# First Newton

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming one diverse community  
Worshipping Jesus passionately  
Practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality

## LOVING ALL PEOPLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST



### NEW AUGUST SERMON SERIES TO FOCUS ON TOUGH TOPICS

If we are honest, we know that there are certain topics we do not want to talk about . . . at home, with family, with friends, or at church. These topics may be painful, uncomfortable, seemingly too difficult to discuss. However, if we are to view and use the Bible as our life guide, our reference tool, God's living Words of wisdom—perhaps we need to take a closer look at what His Word has to offer us when we bring these dark topics into the light. Together, during the month of August, we will shed light on addiction, anxiety, grief and difficult people. We will go in search of Biblical answers to these issues that no one wants to talk about, and see what God's Word talks about on these subjects. We hope you will make plans to join us each Sunday in August and perhaps invite a friend or family member to join you.

### BEVERLY UNDERWOOD JOINS STAFF AS NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

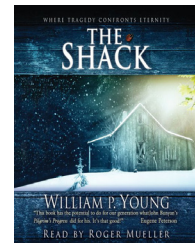
The Church Council has announced the hiring of Beverly Underwood to fill the position of Church Administrator. After reviewing several applications and a thorough interview process, the HR team selected Bev because of her proven managerial experiences working with a variety of people as owner/operator of a business. Bev has also demonstrated her ability to organize, host, delegate, and motivate others with her servant leadership of the JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry. "I applied for this position because I love the church and our church family," said Bev. "I am grateful for how far we've come in working to become 'one diverse community who passionately worships Jesus'. I consider it an honor to challenge myself everyday to be a reflection of the love of Jesus to anyone and everyone who enters our church doors." Bev was born and raised in Newton. She began attending First Newton in 2005. She and her husband Randy have two grown children, Erica and Christian, a son-in-law Matt, and two grandchildren, Layla and Mason.



**VERY BIG SATURDAY** - Our VBS 2019 took place on Saturday, July 20 at Pin Station. The event included art, music, drama, bowling, games, scripture stories, food and fellowship. In addition to the 25 children that participated, we had 25 youth and adults who worked registration, served as crew guides, and lead station activities. It was an amazing effort and we appreciate EVERYONE who helped make the day a wonderful experience for children throughout our community. When life is wild, God is good!

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BASED ON "THE SHACK"

The Faithbuilders / Faith & Fellowship Class invites you to join them for a new study starting on Sunday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday school hour. The new Bible study is based on the best selling book and movie "The Shack." The class meets in the Brides Room which is at the end of the hallway below the Sanctuary. All are welcome.





## SERVING LUNCH WEDNESDAYS

Throughout August we're continuing to serve lunch at The Corner Table soup kitchen every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome; no previous experience required. We will help prepare and serve a meal to hungry people in our community. This is a great activity for families to do together!

## PARADE OF CANS Food Drive August 1-31st, 2019



Throughout August we are collecting food for The Corner Table Soup Kitchen. Please bring non-perishable food items and drop them off in the cart in the Fellowship Hall or Welcome Center.

### SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Chicken Broth
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Mayonnaise
- Spaghetti & Macaroni Noodles
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables
- Dry Beans
- Applesauce
- Tomato Sauce
- Evaporated Milk
- Ketchup
- Salt & Pepper
- Vinegar

## NEXT JOY GATHERING THURSDAY, AUG. 8

JOY meets the 2nd Thursday of every month in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and refreshments are available at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. with a time of devotion followed by a program. The August devotion will be led by Helen Bledsoe from Covenant Christian Church.

Our program will be led by singer Clayton Todd. The lunch menu is a chicken salad plate, pimento cheese, sliced tomatoes, mixed fruit, cake & ice cream. Reservations are recommended. Call the Church Office at 828-464-8422 by Tuesday, August 6.



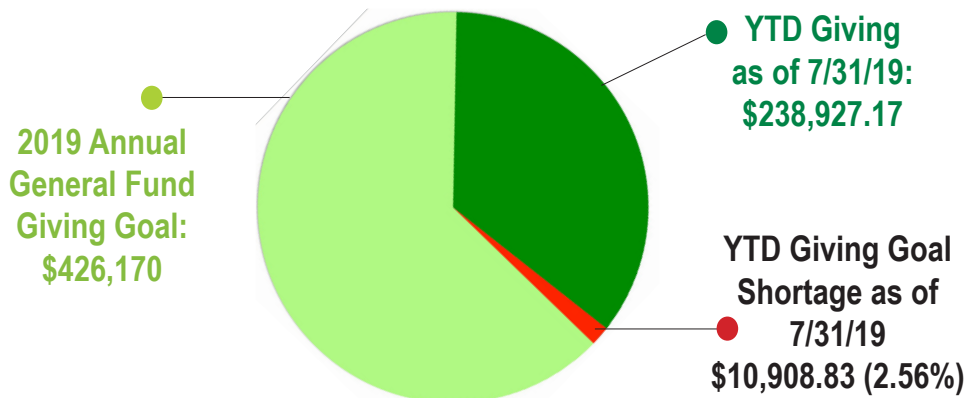
## ART AND HYMNS EVENTS IN AUGUST

Deacon Shannon is leading two Art & Hymn events for all ages in the Activity Room on Thursdays August 8 and 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. We will sing hymns, have a devotion on the hymn, and then do art with watercolors, oil pastels and/or colored pencils. Light refreshments will be served. These events are for children, youth, and/or adults. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and enjoy a time of music, fun and fellowship. For more information, contact [deaconshannon@firstnewton.org](mailto:deaconshannon@firstnewton.org).



## AN UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

The Finance Team has provided a snapshot of our year-to-date giving (shown below) 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, August 13 at 7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. Meetings are open for anyone to attend. You may also contact George Wilkinson with questions at [gwilkinson0228@gmail.com](mailto:gwilkinson0228@gmail.com)



## SUMMER STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Please remember that the ministries of the church continue during the Summer. Many folks find that online giving meets their needs. You may give quickly and easily from the church website: [firstnewton.org/give](http://firstnewton.org/give). You may also mail your tithes & offerings to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 926, Newton, NC 28658.





**NURSERY:** For children up to 4 years 8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Level 1

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Children 3 years - 5th Grade on Level 1. Our 1st-5th graders are exploring various Psalms through the Illustrated Children's Ministry curriculum. Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grade) is held in the Activity Room, on the basement level.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS:** We love having children in worship! For the summer months of June- August, we will have additional activities in the worship bags for children to enjoy while participating in the service. Bags are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING:** Parents and students interested in participating in this year's Confirmation Class are invited to meet with Deacon Shannon on Sunday, August 11 immediately following 10:30 worship in the Sanctuary.

### HERE'S A LOOK AT OUR UPCOMING CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS:

- Thursday, August 8 (10 a.m. - noon): Art & Hymns in the Activity Room
- Wednesday, August 14: Water Day from 1-3 p.m. at the church
- Monday, August 19 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.): Swimming\* - bring a bag lunch, water, & towel
- Thursday, August 22 (10 a.m. - noon): Art & Hymns in the Activity Room
- Sunday, August 25 (both services): Blessing of the Backpacks

\*For this event children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**RAIN PLAN:** Games in the Activity Room (10am-1pm) Snacks provided



### KIDS FOR CHRIST STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. k4C meets Wednesdays 3:00-5:30 p.m. during the school year. Transportation is provided for a few area elementary schools. The brochure and registration form is available on the church website and in the Welcome Center.

**If you would like to serve with k4C this year, please contact Deacon Shannon.**



### YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN WILDERNESS TRAIL ADVENTURE

Five of our youth along with Deacon Shannon just returned from a week-long adventure at Wilderness Trail July 23-29. College students, youth, and adults came together to experience and embody the love of Jesus and celebrate the wondrous beauty of creation. Julia, Jamie, Nathan, Freddie, and Nick had a fabulous time hiking part of the Appalachian Trail. Jamie stayed an extra week to Junior Staff and Nick plans to junior staff next summer!

## JUNE MEMORIALS

Robert Christopher .....	Capital Building Fund
James Hardin .....	Capital Building Fund
Monteen Fox .....	Columbarium Fund
Ryan Fox .....	General Fund
Ryan Fox .....	Garden Fund

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to honor or memorialize someone or celebrate a special birthday or anniversary with flowers for the altar in the Sanctuary, please contact Bev Underwood in the Church Office at 828-464-8422 or email [office@firstnewton.org](mailto:office@firstnewton.org).

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	JULY 2018	JULY 2019
Sunday School	45	42
8:30 Contemporary Worship Service	64	50
10:30 Traditional Worship Service	112	101
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP AVERAGE</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>151</b>

## STORIES / PHOTOS / INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER

Have a story idea for the newsletter? Want to include information about an upcoming Sunday School or Small Group event? Have photos from church events? Email [kristispencer@firstnewton.org](mailto:kristispencer@firstnewton.org) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following months Newsletter.

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## 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.



## BIRTHDAYS

Cooper Hayes .....	8/2
Polly Pearson .....	8/5
Todd Rhyne .....	8/7
Judy Ikerd .....	8/11
Meg Miller .....	8/1
Tim Hayes .....	8/15
Todd White .....	8/15
Trilby Stockner .....	8/17
Brett Butler .....	8/18
Nick Cadwallader .....	8/18
John Hewins .....	8/18
Vickie Burgess .....	8/19
Dot Hoage .....	8/19
Neil Harvell .....	8/20
Larry Hollar Sr. ....	8/20
Jamie Richard .....	8/20
Gaye Hood .....	8/21
Jason Lamb .....	8/22
Brian White .....	8/22
Suzanne Yoder .....	8/22
Eric Hefner .....	8/24
Christine Fay .....	8/25
Marcus Forsyth .....	8/25
Joey Rhyne .....	8/27
Chris Cadwallader .....	8/28
Allyson Ervin .....	8/29
Bebe Roland .....	8/29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Teresa Coley .....	8/2
Nink & Jane Harvell Jr. ....	8/3
Quint & Melissa Ervin .....	8/5
Todd & Jessica Rhyne .....	8/6
Fred & Kathleen Cook Jr. ....	8/12
Dwayne & Beth Morgan .....	8/17
Brian & Michelle White .....	8/24



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