



PRAYER CONCERNS: Jackie Dellinger, Lynn Blackwelder

OUR MILITARY: Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Ethan Branton, Michael Howard, Todd Houtz, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump

HOSPITALITY HELPERS NEEDED FOR SOLDIER'S REUNION

We have an opportunity to extend hospitality to guests attending the Soldier's Reunion Parade on Thursday, August 15. We would like to offer the use of our restrooms in the administrative building from 3-6 p.m. Two people are needed per half hour; 1 at outside door to greet people, open the door and direct them to turn right and go to end of hall; 1 outside the bathrooms to attend to supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.). There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Thank

CONFIRMATION MEETING TODAY :

Parents and students interested in participating in this year's Confirmation Class are invited to meet with Deacon Shannon TODAY immediately following 10:30 worship in the Sanctuary.

NEXT ART AND HYMNS EVENT AUGUST 22

Deacon Shannon is leading another Art & Hymns event for all ages in the Activity Room on Thursday 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 & fellowship. For more info, contact deacon-shannon@firstnewton.org.



K4C STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6th Grade. k4C meets Wednesdays 3:00-5:30 p.m. during the school year. Transportation is provided for a few area elementary schools. The flyer and registration link is available on the church website firstnewton.org/k4c and in the Welcome Center. **We need help with providing transportation each week (3-4 p.m.); see Deacon Shannon if you can help.**



MEETING FOR PARENTS OF K-5TH GRADERS

You are invited to meet with Deacon Shannon after both worship services on Sunday, August 18 or during Sunday school on Sunday, August 25 in the basement activity room to share thoughts & ideas on children's ministry for the upcoming year.



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. Youth (6th-12th grade) in Activity Room, 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.

Here's a look at our upcoming children & youth events:

- Monday, August 12 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.): South Fork Rail Trail in Lincolnton - wear comfortable clothes/shoes; bring a bag lunch, water, optional spending money.
- Wednesday, Aug. 14 (1-3 p.m.): Water Day at the church. Wear your bathing suit, bring your water games. Snacks provided.
- 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.

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



**Sunday, August 25
@ Both Services**

**BLESSING OF
THE BACKPACKS**

**For students, teachers
& administrators!**

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 carts in the Welcome Center and Fellowship Hall.

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

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

Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I am a Visitor
- I am interested in membership
- I would like to visit with a pastor
- Please note my change of address

PRAYER REQUEST

(Place in the Offering Plate or give to the Pastor.)

I ask your prayers for:

Prayer Request: _____

May we send this person a note of encouragement? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please include their address: _____

May we include this in the prayer list for next week's bulletin and email prayer list? _____

Person making request _____

Phone _____

A LOOK AHEAD . . .

Tuesday, August 13

Church Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
in the Gomedela Room

Sunday, August 18

"The Elephant in the Room:
Difficult People" at both services

Thursday, August 22

Art & Hymns for all ages in the
Activity Room from 10 a.m. to noon.

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

Shannon LeMaster-Smith, Minister of
Discipleship - Children, Youth & Outreach

Beverly Underwood, Church Administrator

Ron Sinclair, Director of Music

John Coffey, Organist / Pianist

Kristi Spencer, Communications

Megan Johnson, Nursery Coordinator

Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

LOVING ALL PEOPLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

AUGUST 11, 2019 • 8:30 A.M.

Gathering Song

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Opportunities for Praise

Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Songs of Praise

A Time for All Ages

Deacon Shannon LeMaster-Smith

Prayer

Song of Preparation

Scripture

Mark 5:1-20

Message

Biblical Answers to Issues No One Wants to Talk About

The Elephant in the Room: Grief

Rev. Willis

Holy Communion

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

*Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit*

**make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,**

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Service of Giving

Closing Blessing

Thank You to Today's Ministry Servants:

Hospitality Team #1 ↓ led by George Johnson

The Pray-Ground is located near the Praise Café and offers children 5 & under a space to quietly engage in activities while experiencing worship with their families. In addition, there are activity bags available as well as nurseries for babies & toddlers located across the breezeway in the Education Building.

**Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*