

# 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



#### WELCOME HANK WEDDINGTON AS FIRST NEWTON'S PRAISE TEAM LEADER

The Human Relations Team is pleased to announce that Hank Weddington has accepted the position of Praise Team Leader. Many of you know Hank and his amazing musical talent from the years he played lead guitar in the Praise Team. Hank brings a wealth of experience, passion and giftedness to the worship experience. Hank currently serves as the Dean of the College of Education & Human Services at Lenoir-Rhyne University. He and his wife, Monica Campbell and Meg live in Hickory and we are delighted to welcome them all to the Praise Service. Hank's first Sunday to lead worship will be November 2.

#### ARTS & HYMNS EVENT NOVEMBER 18

Join Deacon Shannon for a unique Art & Hymns experience on Monday, November 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will sing some of your favorite hymns and play around with various mediums to create beautiful hymn art. Cost is \$5 per person. Feel free to bring your own art materials. Watercolors, acrylics, canvas, and hymns provided. For more information, visit [firstnewton.org/events](http://firstnewton.org/events)



#### JOY GATHERING NOV. 14

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For the program, Pat Benfield will present "Essential Oils for Winter Wellness." We will experience the oils by smelling and applying. The Newton Methodist Preschool will sing for the devotion time. The lunch menu is wine & herb chicken, broccoli casserole, baked apples & assorted desserts. RSVP to the Church Office (828-464-8422) by noon Tuesday, Nov. 12.



### Advent Festival

Sunday, November 24th

11:45am - 1:30pm

simple soup lunch & wreath decorating

\*Great for Families!\*

**THE ADVENT FESTIVAL** is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and a simple soup lunch, while making an advent wreath for your family to use during the Advent season. Following lunch, we will decorate the church building for Advent/Christmas.

THE MUSIC OF

# A DOZEN HANDS N SYNC

SIX PIANISTS AT TWO  
PIANOS - A ONE-TIME  
EVENT

## DECEMBER 8, 2019 4PM

FIRST COME - FIRST SEATED

Sunday | 4PM  
in the sanctuary of  
First United Methodist Church  
300 N Main Avenue  
Newton, NC

Doug Brady

Sylvania Fraga

Rhonda Smith

Darren Lael

Renee Shatley

John Coffey

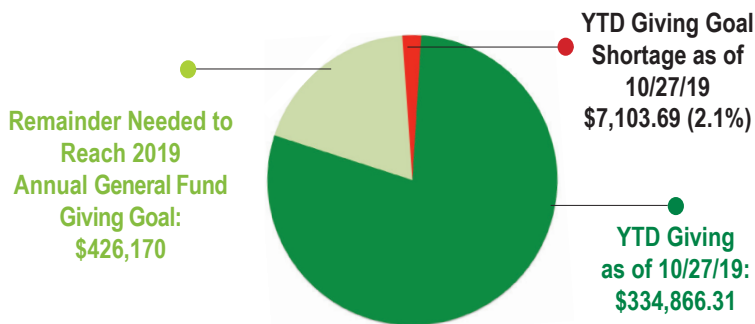
AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	OCTOBER 2018	OCTOBER 2019
Sunday School	46	38
8:30 Contemporary Worship Service	57	50
10:30 Traditional Worship Service	109	101
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP AVERAGE</b>	152	151

## MEMORIALS

Wilma Wilson Waters                      Music Fund

## AN UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

The Finance Team has provided a snapshot of our year-to-date giving (shown below). These numbers reflect offerings received through 10/27/19. Additional income may be received for the month of October. Detailed financial updates (with month-end final data) 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, November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. Meetings are open for anyone to attend. Contact George Wilkinson with questions at [gwilkinson0228@gmail.com](mailto:gwilkinson0228@gmail.com)



## FIRST CHURCH STAFF

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## BIRTHDAYS

John Mull ..... 11/1	Mary Bess Lawing ..... 11/14
Haley Hart..... 11/2	Martha Sowers ..... 11/15
Suzy Cadwallader..... 11/3	Laura Richard ..... 11/19
Mary Alice McCombs..... 11/3	Diane Shillito..... 11/19
Abby Gantt..... 11/4	Rene Swink ..... 11/22
Anna Gantt ..... 11/4	Sherry Cooke..... 11/23
Christie Sims ..... 11/4	Kim Britt..... 11/26
Nink Harvell Jr. .... 11/5	Leah Hayes ..... 11/27
Andrew Pritchard ..... 11/5	Hannah Lowder ..... 11/27
Kathleen Cook..... 11/6	Jarrett Mull..... 11/27
Lynn Marilla ..... 11/7	Max Bolick ..... 11/28
Frances Hollar ..... 11/9	Michelle Wayne ..... 11/28
Cindy Sigmon ..... 11/10	Dotti Goble..... 11/29
Mason Isenhour..... 11/12	Jim Hildebran..... 11/29
Hayleigh White ..... 11/12	Scott King ..... 11/29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Beth Foss ..... 11/1
Norris & Gail McRee ..... 11/1
Gary & Susan Kale ..... 11/17
Greg & Laura Bailes ..... 11/18
Max & Judith Bolick ..... 11/24
Neil & Kristi Harvell..... 11/25

## COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

First Newton will communicate any changes to our church schedule via local TV (WBTV, WCNC, & WSOC), in addition to email, Facebook, and website postings.

**NEW for 2018:** Sign up to receive a text alert.

Simply text: @1stnewton to 81010.