

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_



**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:

Activity bags are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

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

- Sunday, September 8 (9:30 a.m.)  
Senior High Youth planning meeting, during Sunday School
- Sunday, September 8 (5-8 p.m.)  
Youth & Family Pool Party at Conover Pool



### K4C STARTS 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 flyer and registration link is available on the church website [firstnewton.org/k4c](http://firstnewton.org/k4c) and in the Welcome Center. **We need help providing transportation each week (3-4 p.m.); see Deacon Shannon if you can help.**

### A LOOK AHEAD . . .

#### Sunday, September 1

"The Elephant in the Room: Anxiety" at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, September 8

Youth & Family Pool Party  
Fall Kickoff, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, September 12

JOY (Just Older Youth)  
9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## 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

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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[www.firstnewton.org](http://www.firstnewton.org)

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# 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

AUGUST 25, 2019 • 10:30 A.M.

### WE GATHER

Gathering Time - *We welcome everyone! Greet your neighbors with the peace of Christ and get to know those around you. As a reminder coffee & refreshments are available before service in the breezeway located just outside the doorway at the front right-side entrance of the Sanctuary.*

Prelude

\*Hymn, No.191

**Jesus Loves Me**

Welcome & Opportunities for Ministry

Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let all who have known the mercy of the Lord come together!

**People: Through God's grace, the house of the Lord is open to each of us.**

Leader: Yet we come as sinners, each fallen short of what God created us to be.

**People: But in Christ, truly each of us is beloved in the eyes of God.**

Leader: Then let our praise be heard for the mercy and grace of God.

**ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*Hymn

**Through the Years You Safely Guide Us**

**Through the years you safely guide us awesome God and holy friend.  
Stay and travel close beside us; lead your people to the end.  
At the font with flowing waters you have set us on our way.  
Led by winds of Spirit blowing we move onward every day.**

**On the path we join with others in the journey that we share,  
and we count as sisters, brothers, all your children everywhere.  
We break bread in deep thanksgiving for the blessings you bestow,  
for the gifts of daily living and your presence as we go.**

**Crossing river, hill or mountain calls for all our strength and skill,  
but your grace flows like a fountain; we can rest and drink our fill.  
Through the years you safely guide us, God of journey, faithful friend.  
Now and always, stay beside us; lead your people till the end.**

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD

A Time for All Ages Deacon Shannon LeMaster-Smith

Prayer of Confession

Lord, so often we tend to come before You as if we deserve your grace and mercy. So often we tend to act as if among all of your people, we alone deserve your favor. And too often we seem to either ignore our own sin or we focus too much on it. We fail to see and receive the joy of life in Christ You intended for us to have. Forgive us, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Praises and Prayers for the Family of God

Anthem **Broken, Yet Chosen** by Miller & Thompson Chancel Choir

Scripture (Page 234, pew Bible) **1 Peter 3:8-18**

Message **"The Elephant in the Room - Loving the Unlovable"** Rev. Willis

Service of Giving

\*Doxology Hymn, No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn, No. 369 **Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine**

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction, W&S No. 3122 **Christ Has Broken Down the Wall**

**Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall.  
We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are.  
Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.  
Cast aside your doubts and fears, cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.  
We will tear down the walls! We will tear down the walls!  
God has called us, one and all; Christ has broken down the walls!  
Christ has broken down the walls!**

\*Chimes of the Trinity

\*Postlude

#### Thank You to Today's Ministry Servants:

Wayne Swofford (Crucifer), Layla Isenhour (Acolyte), & Hospitality Team #4 ↑ led by Lisa Johnson



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Family & friends of Marie Pope, Bernice Allen & Family, Jackie Dellinger, Lynn Blackwelder, Jean & Bob Carter, Jim & Trilby Stockner

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

#### MEETING FOR PARENTS OF K-5TH GRADERS

You are invited to meet with Deacon Shannon during Sunday school TODAY in the basement activity room to share your thoughts and ideas on children's ministry for the upcoming year.

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR?

The choir will have a Christmas Kickoff rehearsal TODAY from 1-3 p.m. If you sing in the choir every week or would simply like to join us for the Christmas Choir, ALL ARE WELCOME! Contact Ron Sinclair with any questions at [ronsinclair@firstnewton.org](mailto:ronsinclair@firstnewton.org).



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SOUTH NEWTON ELEMENTARY

Now through next Sunday, September 1, we're collecting school supplies for South Newton Elementary School. The items most needed are: #2 Pencils, Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, Expo Dry Erase Markers, Glue Sticks, Colored Pencils, 24ct Crayons, Disinfectant Wipes, Ziploc Bags (all sizes) and 3x3 colorful Sticky Notes.

You may place items outside Deacon Shannon's Office.

### 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.

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

You're invited to celebrate Treva Sweezy's 90th birthday! The party is next Sunday, September 1 from 4-6pm in the Fellowship Hall with music and singing as part of the celebration. For more info, contact Crystal or Pat at 828-217-5012 or 828-217-5013.