

Welcome  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I am a Visitor
- ☐ I am interested in membership
- ☐ I would like to visit with the 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 \_\_\_\_\_



THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 11

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Program:** Fire Safety & Prevention

The lunch menu is BBQ chicken, marinated slaw, green beans, rolls, and peach cobbler. *RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, October 9.* For more info, call Bev @ 828-465-0481.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lynn Tucker, Dawn Stephens, Chris Setzer, Bernice Allen & Her Family, Frank Cloninger

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



The Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Clark Fletcher by Teresa Fletcher & Family



COMMUNITY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

First Newton will have a booth at the Spooktacular in Downtown Newton on October 27 from 5-8 p.m. You can help by face painting, running a photo booth, running a cupcake walk OR baking mini cupcakes for the cupcake walk -- we need 500! For more info, contact Deacon Shannon.



Nursery:

For children up to 4 years  
8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Level 1)

Sunday School:

For children 3 years - 5th Grade from  
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. on Level 1

Children's Activity Bags:

Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



Join the Youth of First Newton for worship and fun. All 6th -12th graders are welcome!

- TODAY, Youth Group will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (snacks provided)
- Friday, Oct. 12 Haunted Corn Maze 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. (sign up today!)
- October 21 - Hunger Walk\* meet at church at 2 p.m. (wear walking clothes)

\*Anyone can join First Newton's team for the Hunger Walk. You may also donate online: <https://thecornertable.ejoinme.org/165433>

For more info, contact Deacon Shannon at: [DeaconShannon@firstnewton.org](mailto:DeaconShannon@firstnewton.org)

A LOOK AHEAD . . .

Tuesday, October 9

J.O.Y. Volunteer Meeting at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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

Sunday, October 21

Hunger Walk (meet @ 2 p.m.)

Sunday, October 28

Consecration Sunday at both the 8:30 & 10:30 services

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

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

Brandy Burnette, Church Administrator

Sarah Luhrs, Choir Director

John Coffey, Organist

Michael Roberts, Praise Team

Kristi Spencer, Communications

Melissa Ervin, Nursery Director

Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director

PO Box 926 Newton, NC 28658

Phone: 828-464-8422

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

WE GATHER

Gathering Time - *We welcome everyone! Greet your neighbors with the peace of Christ and take a moment to get to know those around you.*

Prelude - *A time to transition from the outside world to a time of worship.*

Welcome & Opportunities for Ministry

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Today we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church.

People: **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.**

Leader: For 70 years God's Word has been proclaimed in this place.

People: **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.**

Leader: For 70 years the sacraments have been celebrated in this place.

People: **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.**

Leader: Countless children, parents, and grandparents have been a part of First United Methodist Church.

People: **They are more than can be numbered.**

Leader: Countless prayers of thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in this place.

People: **They are more than can be numbered.**

Leader: Countless witnesses have gone out from this church to spread the gospel in this community and throughout the world.

People: **They are more than can be numbered.**

Leader: All of our activities, all of our sacraments, and all of our doxologies, we offer up in praise to God.

People: **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.**

Leader: With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future, we celebrate this anniversary.

People: **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered. Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*Hymn, No. 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*Affirmation of Faith, No. 888

The Apostles' Creed

**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

The Story of First United Methodist Church

Celebration of Discipleship



John Smith

Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith

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



\*A Litany of Thanks

Leader: O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as pastors and staff members,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who have been a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For baptisms we’ve celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For hundreds of children and youth who have been here as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve him around the world,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: And for a free land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Hymn Medley

*Amazing Grace* (No. 378, verses 1, 3, and 6)      Choir / Praise Team / Congregation

*Blessed Assurance* (No. 369, verses 1 and 2)

*Victory in Jesus* (No. 370, verses 1 and 2)

Reflections on the Church

Sara Caldwell

The Coffey Family

Alexis King

Praise Team Song

*Blessed Be Your Name* by Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me, when the world’s all as it should be, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there’s pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name. (Repeat)

You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. (Repeat)

Anniversary Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

*This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*

Message

**Choose Life**

Rev. Lara “Willis” Greene

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

*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.*

Giving & Receiving of Holy Communion

Service of Giving      *(Today’s basket offering will be given to support the ministries of ECCCM and The Corner Table Soup Kitchen.)*

Anthem

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

K. Medema, arr. J. Schrader

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn, No. 577

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

*(Sung as the closing hymn during the September 5, 1948 worship service in this Sanctuary.)*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response, No. 557

**Blest Be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\*Chimes of the Trinity

\*Postlude

You are invited to join us for lunch immediately following worship hosted by the Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall. The Sigmon Stringers will be providing entertainment and there will be activities for children. Everyone is welcome!

***“The last of our human freedoms is the ability to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, the ability to choose one’s own way.”***

*-- Viktor Frankl*

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**Poem by Rev. Ernest Campbell**

Riverside Church, New York City (’68-’76)

To be young is to study in schools  
We did not build.  
To be mature is to build schools  
In which we will not study.

To be young is to swim in pools  
We did not dig.  
To be mature is to dig pools  
In which we will not swim.

To be young is to sit under trees,  
Which we did not plant.  
To be mature is to plant trees  
Under which we will not sit.

To be young is to dance to music  
We did not write.  
To be mature is to write music  
To which we will not dance.

To be young is to worship in churches  
We did not build  
To be mature is to build churches  
In which we may not worship.