

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 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 _____



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

January 19-21: Youth Winter Retreat (final payment due by 1/19/19)

Sunday, January 27: Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, February 3: Super Bowl Party

For more info contact Deacon Shannon at: DeaconShannon@firstnewton.org



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

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

1st-5th graders are encouraged to bring their Bibles for the new series "Learning to Use My Bible."

Children's Worship Bags:

Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



KIDS FOR CHRIST CONTINUES

k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6th Grade that meets on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:30 p.m. For more info, please contact Deacon Shannon.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

We are in the process of updating our Church Directory. Please contact Brandy in the Church Office with any changes to your address, phone or email. Directory updates will be available in February.

A LOOK AHEAD . . .

TODAY, Sunday, January 13

Church Council training session with John Dyer, Gomedela Room at 2 p.m.

Sunday, January 20

Alex White will be sharing his experience from his recent mission work in Africa during both worship services.

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

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

Brandy Burnette, Church Administrator

John Coffey, Organist

Michael Roberts, Praise Team

Kristi Spencer, Communications

Melissa Ervin, Nursery Director

Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY • JANUARY 13, 2019 • 10:30 A.M.

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 the Spirit makes us one,

People: United for life by water and the Word.

Leader: Reborn in one Spirit,

People: Reborn in one hope,

Leader: Drenched in grace, bathed in love,

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Leader: One God and Father of us all,

People: One who is above all, and through all, and in all.

*Hymn, No. 98

To God Be the Glory

*A Modern Affirmation, No. 885

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

Anthem

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

Herbranson/Glazer

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

WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD

Scripture Luke 3:21-22, 1 Peter 2:9-10

Message **Who are You?** Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Reaffirmation of Baptism, Hymnal Page 50

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Bountiful God: On this day when we have remembered our baptism, we come to you with thanksgiving for your precious gift of water. You created water long before you created us so that we might never forget our utter dependence on your gracious providence. You judged the world of our ancestors by water, assuring a fresh start for Noah after the flood. You showed your power and compassion when you parted the waters of the Red Sea before your fleeing people. Loving God, just as you are able to use this common water for your sacred purposes, we pray that you would cleanse and transform us with this water so the we would experience this reaffirmation as a welcome into your worldwide church and that we would gladly and joyfully assume the responsibilities that go with membership in the body of Christ, in whose name we lift up this prayer, saying,

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.

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!

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn, No. 605 **Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response, No. 159 **Lift High the Cross**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in unity combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name.

*Chimes of the Trinity

*Postlude

Please remember to pick up your baptism shower tag on your way out of worship. May this serve as a daily reminder that you are a child of God.

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

Immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service will be a Memorial Service for Burt Hoage in the Sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Eric Luckadoo, Bev Underwood, Bernice Allen & Family, Debbie Propst, Steve & Sean Quinn **OUR MILITARY:** Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Ethan Branton, Michael Howard, Todd Houtz, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump

COME AND SEE . . .

Are you interested in learning more about the ministries at First Newton? Are you looking to get plugged into a small group? Stop by the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 27 from 9:30-10:20 a.m. and visit folks involved in our various ministries and small groups. If you are a small group or ministry leader and want to have space at the Ministry Fair to share about your group, please contact Brandy in the Church Office (brandyburnette@firstnewton.org or 828-464-8422) to reserve your space.



TOWN HALL MEETING JANUARY 27

The Church Council invites the congregation to our annual "state of the church" event on Sunday, January 27 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we share dinner together and celebrate the ministries of First Newton. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share and come ready to hear from our Church Council. Together we will:

- Give Thanks for 2018
- Hear an update from the Renovation Team
- Have a Q&A for the 2019 Budget

Friends, the Church Council wishes to inform you that Sarah Luhrs has submitted her resignation, ending her tenure as Choir Director at First Newton. We appreciate Sarah's years of dedication and the musical talent she shared with our church, and wish her success in her future endeavors. The Church Council has immediately begun a search for a replacement and will begin interviewing as soon as possible. If you are aware of someone that may have interest in this position, please call the Church Office at 828-464-8422. Thank you! Mike Jenkins, Chair of Human Resources (cell # 828-455-1214)

A WAY FORWARD INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday, January 29 at 6 p.m. we will have an information session led by Rev. Lory Beth Huffman in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about The Commission on a Way Forward and the three options that will be presented at the special General Conference session in February. Our time will be focused on education and awareness. You may learn more about the three options at: www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

Ever wondered how and when the Bible was written? Is the Bible ever wrong? If so, join Rev. Willis for this new study beginning the week of February 4. Sign up on-line at firstnewton.org/study or complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.

NAME(S): _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

Check which class you will attend:

Monday at 7 p.m.
 Tuesday at 11 a.m.
 Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Dinners for 8 Finding connection around the table

Dinners for 8 is a fun way to get to meet people from the church you may not know. Groups meet once a month during February, March, April, and share meals at participants' homes, at local restaurants, or the church. Sign up on-line at firstnewton.org/d48 or complete this form.

NAME: _____

of People Participating: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

Check all that you like:

Restaurant
 Meal in someone's home
 Potluck at church

List any night that DOES NOT work AND any food restrictions or transportation needs:

