

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_



### 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 Sacks:

Located at the entrances of the  
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



### KIDS FOR CHRIST STARTS SEPT. 12

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. Mini-Bus transportation is provided for a few area elementary schools. Please inquire upon registration.

**If you would like to serve with k4C, please contact Deacon Shannon. We will have a team meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 3:30 pm.**



Our next Youth gathering is the Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. We'll have a pizza party & theme reveal! For more information, please contact Shannon LeMaster-Smith at DeaconShannon324@gmail.com.

## A LOOK AHEAD . . .

### Monday, September 3

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

### Wednesday, September 5

ECCCM Workday

### Promotion Sunday, September 9

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation  
9:30 a.m. in the Activity Room

### Tuesday, September 11

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

## 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

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Phone: 828-464-8422

### NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



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# First United Methodist Church

*A Church that Loves All People into a Relationship with Jesus Christ*

Becoming one diverse community passionately worshipping Jesus & practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality.

## WE GATHER

September 2, 2018 • 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time - *We welcome everyone! Greet your neighbors with the peace of Christ & 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: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!  
 People: **Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!**  
 Leader: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.  
 People: **Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.**  
 Leader: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.  
 People: **Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.**

\*Hymn, No. 127

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*Affirmation of Faith, No. 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

Anthem

*Praise Ye the Lord*

Jeanne Julseth-Heinrich

Children's Time

Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith

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

\*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 617 **I Come with Joy** (Verse 1 & 2)

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

Message **Moses: Plagues, Passover and Parting** Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Scriptures (See Insert)

Prayer after Message:

Leader: God go before us. Like a cloud that shields us from the hot sun and a fire that gives light for the way, Go before us we pray. O God, go behind us. Like a cloud that hides us from our enemies, Or a fire that wards off the wild things, Go behind us, we pray.

People: **God before us, God behind us, God within us, God our way through the flood. Lead us, Guide us, Shield us, Defend us This day and always. Amen.**

## [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.*

The Lord's 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.**

Giving & Receiving of Holy Communion

*There will be 3 stations at the Altar Rail for Communion today. If you are seated in the left section (piano side), please walk up the right side of the pews, stand or kneel at the rail to receive communion, then return to your seat behind the piano and along the window wall.*

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

*If you are in the middle section, please walk up the left side, stand or kneel to receive communion at the center of the altar, then return to your seats on the right side of the middle pews.*

*If you are seated in the right section (pulpit side), walk up the left side of the pews, stand or kneel at the rail to receive communion, then return to your seat along the window wall.*

Service of Giving

*Today's basket offering will be given to support the ministries of Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries (ECCCM) and The Corner Table Soup Kitchen.*

Special Music **Lord Of Eternity** by F. Ortega. Michael Roberts / Alfonso Marotta

\*Doxology Hymn, No. 94

Praise God, from who 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!

Prayer of Dedication

## [WE GO OUT TO SERVE](#)

\*Hymn (see insert) **Lean On, O Cloud of Presence**  
*from The Faith We Sing #2234*

\*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



## [PRAYER CONCERNS](#)

Frank Cloninger, Alex Mull, Trilby Stockner

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



JUST OLDER YOUTH

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 13**

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

**Program:** "Church History throughout Catawba County" presented by John Smith

**LUNCH MENU:** BBQ pork, baked beans, slaw, cornbread and homemade desserts.

*RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, September 11.*

For more info, call Bev @ 828-465-0481.

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

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



Promotion Sunday is next Sunday, September 9! During Sunday school, children PreK – 5th grade are invited to meet in the Activity Room to celebrate teachers and those being promoted. Youth 6th – 12th grade will meet in the Youth Sunday school classroom.

**NOTE: Classes for this fall will be PreK – Kindergarten, and 1st – 5th grade.**