

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

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS IN THE SANCTUARY & A RICH FAITH HISTORY

The earliest recorded gatherings of Newton Methodists date back to the 1840s when circuit riders would come through and hold services. Our first church building was a one-room wood frame building that was destroyed by a tornado in 1884. A Bible from that church that survived the storm remains on display in the Narthex today. The church was rebuilt diagonally across from Beth Eden Lutheran Church (where the Bank of Granite is located) and continued to grow and served as a Newton Landmark along an avenue of churches. In May of 1947, fire destroyed the main auditorium of our second church building and once again church leaders set out to rebuild. The result of their efforts is the Sanctuary we celebrate 70 years later.



The Methodist Women's group was reminded of this anniversary during a recent history presentation and began planning for a special 70th Anniversary Celebration Service that will take place on October 7 at 10:30 a.m. The group feels that it is important to retell the stories of our church so that the next generation will understand our rich history. "This church holds very special memories for me," said Pat Simmons. "Our family was always at church. It's always been a good place to be. We've had a lot of good preachers and just a lot of good people. I'm excited to see what the future holds for our church."

"I remember watching the construction of our 'new' church," said long-time member Frances Hollar. "I joined and was baptized here when I was twelve. I have so many cherished memories of Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, pastors and other mentors who were my much loved church family."

The entire congregation is invited to a complimentary lunch served by the Methodist Women immediately following the service on October 7. The Sigmon Stringers will provide entertainment and there will be activities for the children as well as plenty of time to reminisce and share stories. If you haven't already, please RSVP using your bulletin insert or the on-line form (firstnewton.org/rsvp).

2019

CELEBRATE
GIVING

A YEAR OF EXCITEMENT & POSSIBILITIES

**"A CELEBRATION OF GIVING"
CONSECRATION SUNDAY - OCT. 28**

The coming year at First Newton is filled with possibilities! With new people, new staff and new opportunities our hope is that we will faithfully carry out God's mission to love all people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. It will be both our financial gifts and our gifts of service that will make this hope a reality. God created us to give! Through our October sermon series we will discover the joy and freedom that comes from giving. God's desire is that we give out of a sense of joy rather than duty so come and join First Newton as we celebrate giving for 2019.

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*

-- 1 Chronicles 16:29



Photo taken during worship in the new sanctuary in 1948.



Youth Choir 1949

**Includes Trudy (Lefler) Muse, Betty (Saunders) Moritz,
Pat (Bowman) Lawing, Nancy (Gantt) Killian, Maxine (Teague) Morrison**

HUNGER WALK - SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Anyone can join First Newton's team for the Hunger Walk. We'll meet at the church on Sunday, October 21 at 2 p.m. You may also support the Hunger Walk by making a donation. All funds raised by the Eastern Catawba County Hunger Walk will play a substantial role in providing meals and staple items to those in need throughout our community. With our support, The Corner Table Soup Kitchen and ECCCM hope to reach more individuals in need, working towards the vision of alleviating the pain and indignity of hunger. For more info, please contact Deacon Shannon. You may also donate online at: <https://thecornertable.ejoinme.org/165433>



NEW STATIONS FOR PRAYER ROOM

The Prayer Room (in the Chapel) is open for people to enter and pray. There are prayer stations set up, or you may choose to simply sit in the presence of God. New stations will be ready the first week of October. The Prayer Room hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday and Sunday's from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

All women of the church (and friends) are invited to join the Methodist Women for their monthly meeting on Monday, October 1 at 2 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. For more information about the group, please contact Martha Sowers at 828-464-6954.

ECCCM WORKDAY WEDNESDAY OCT. 3

The first Wednesday of each month has been designated as the day for First Newton to volunteer at ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry). You can work a couple of hours or the whole day depending on what your schedule allows. For more info, contact 828-465-1702.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 7 P.M.

Church Council Meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. As a reminder these meetings are OPEN to the whole congregation. We hope you will join us!

JOIN US FOR JOY

The next J.O.Y. event is Thursday, October 11. Refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our devotion will be led by Deacon Shannon LeMaster-Smith. This month's program is "Fire Safety & Prevention" and will be presented by the Newton Fire Department. 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, Oct. 9.* For more info, contact Bev Underwood @ 828-465-0481.



SPOOKTACULAR EVENT DOWNTOWN

We have a great opportunity for community ministry! We will have a booth at Spooktacular in Downtown Newton on October 27 from 5-8 p.m. This family-friendly event will include live music, food trucks, rides and tons of fun. 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.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS SESSION OCTOBER 28

GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of a loved one or friend. It is a safe place to express emotions or to sit quietly and listen. We will offer a "Surviving the Holidays" session on Sunday, October 28 here at First Church from 3-5 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. This session is for anyone who feels the holidays may be difficult because of his/her loss. This event is open to the public. For more info, please contact Harriett Wyatt at hwyatt221@gmail.com | 828-413-0059 or Betty McGee at 828-466-8253.

METHODISM CLASSES IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

The Catawba Valley District is offering classes on Methodism for clergy and laity. Dr. Jonathan LeMaster-Smith is leading classes in Polity and Methodism. These classes will be structured as 3-day workshops, held on Thursday evening, all day Friday, and Saturday. The cost of the workshops will be \$25 each, which covers the cost of refreshments and lunches. There are also books that are required. Classes will be held at St. Luke's UMC in Hickory.

- **United Methodist History:** October 11-13, 2018
Thursday, 6pm - 8pm | Friday, 9am - 4 pm | Saturday, 9 am - 2pm
- **United Methodist Doctrine:** November 8-10, 2018
Thursday, 6pm - 8pm | Friday, 9am - 4 pm | Saturday, 9 am - 2pm

Register on-line at: <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/MethodismClasses>



All 6th -12th graders are welcome to join the Youth of First Newton for worship and fun. Here's a look at our October schedule:

- October 7 - Homecoming Lunch & Activities for Kids
- October 12 - Haunted Corn Maze (5:30 - 10:30 p.m.) Sign up by 10/7/18.
- October 21 - Hunger Walk - meet at church at 2 p.m. (wear walking clothes)
- October 27 - Spooktacular in downtown Newton - helping lead booth/activities
- October 28 - Youth Group will meet (time to be determined)

THE YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 1 P.M. (BEFORE THE HUNGER WALK). For more information about the Youth program or any of the upcoming events, please contact Deacon Shannon at DeaconShannon324@firstnewton.org.



NURSERY is available during worship services and Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children ages 3 – 5th grade. These groups meet on the level below the Sanctuary from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Note that the classes for this fall will be ages 3 – Kindergarten and 1st – 5th grade. Our classes are exploring God's invitation to join God at work in the world.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP

First Newton welcomes children of all ages and we welcome the sounds & activity that accompany them! The Pray-Ground is an area located near the Praise Café during the 8:30 service, that offers children 5 & under a space to quietly engage in age appropriate activities while experiencing worship with their families. In addition to the Pray-Ground there are activity bags available.

PLEASE NOTE: The children's ministry team will meet at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 13.



K4C SERVICE PROJECT TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS

Our Kids for Christ (k4C) afterschool program will be assembling flood buckets for UMCOR on October 17. Youth or adults who would like to help with this effort, please see Deacon Shannon.

k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6th Grade and meets on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:30 p.m. during the school year. The brochure and registration form are available on the church website and in the Welcome Center. We have 22 children registered this year. This is a wonderful way to show love to children and families in our community; if you would like to serve with Kids for Christ, please contact Deacon Shannon. We currently need people on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.

REMINDER: Kids for Christ will not meet on October 24 (CCS half day at school).



The Preschool has kicked off the 2018-2019 school year and the classrooms are filled with lots of learning, laughter and love! We are excited to have 59 students enrolled so far. For more information about our preschool, contact Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director at: newtonmethodistpreschool@gmail.com or call 828-465-6397.

Sunday	Attendance	Tithes & Offerings	Capital Building Fund
September 2, 2018	152	\$9,912.51	\$100
September 9, 2018	167	\$5713.00	\$170
September 16, 2018	No Services Due to Storm	\$480.00	--
September 23, 2018	178	\$8,875.50	\$205
September 30, 2018	Not available at time of printing.		

MEMORIALS

Eunice Mauney	Capital Building Fund
Dean McGee	Capital Building Fund
McDonald Wellborn	General Fund

WE'RE HIRING A PART-TIME NURSERY WORKER

The ideal candidate will provide quality care to infants and toddlers from 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. each Sunday, creating a warm, welcoming and nurturing environment for our smallest disciples. If you, or some you know, are interested, email: brandyburnette@firstnewton.org.

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

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OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Check it out @

firstnewton.org



BIRTHDAYS

Steve Arndt.....10/1	Brandon Cavin.....10/17
Brian Mayberry10/1	Larry Gregory10/17
Jessie Raeford.....10/3	Megan Hildebran10/17
Frances Petree.....10/5	Maddy Clontz.....10/20
Owen Sims10/5	Clarence Hood Jr.....10/20
Haskew Smith.....10/5	Cole Poovey10/20
Melissa Ervin10/6	Brenda Reynolds.....10/20
Alan Martin10/6	Anna White10/20
Gavin Sias10/6	Anita Bollinger10/21
Meagan Sias.....10/6	Edna Davidson10/21
Monica Weddington.....10/6	Jennifer Stiver.....10/21
Riggins Burnette10/8	Kim Whitener10/21
Jimmy Newsome10/9	Kirsten Setzer10/23
Diane Smith10/9	Jake Sitzer10/23
Greg Cranford.....10/10	Don Pope.....10/26
Amy Hollingsworth.....10/10	Cynthia Rand.....10/26
Joel McCombs.....10/10	Holly Cable10/28
Kristi Harvell10/11	Wayne Hadley10/28
Nancy Burgess10/13	Keith Mayberry10/28
Regina Copeland.....10/13	Penelope-Jade Stephens .10/28
Olivia Sitzer10/13	Jimmy Burnette Jr.....10/29
Jeff Carter10/16	Jane Clark10/30
Ashley Lamb.....10/16	Matthew Fletcher10/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Kelly Hollar10/7
Jim & Libby Mauney II10/7
Bob & Carol Brown10/8
Gary Fay & Cecilia Chiok10/10
George & Sarah Johnson10/17
Joe & Diane Colletta10/20
David & Sandra Hardin10/23
Danny & Tracy Wilson10/24

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.