

Grieving?

Know someone who is?



GRIEF SHARE
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

**TODAY 3-5 p.m. in the
Gomedela Room**



JUST OLDER YOUTH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

Program: "Imperfect but Forgiven" a group of men from the Catawba Correctional Center who sing and speak about their rehabilitation.

LUNCH MENU: Chicken & dumplings, slaw, peas, cranberry sauce & homemade desserts.

RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422)
by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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

NAME: _____

Attending: _____



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

TODAY @ Noon

We are making picnic tables for the church yard at JR's house. Lunch provided.

Sunday, November 4, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall.
Deadline to sign up for lock-out!

Sunday, November 9 • 7 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Youth Group lock-out!

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. (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.



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.

A LOOK AHEAD . . .

Sunday, November 4

All Saints' Day
at both the 8:30 & 10:30 services

Tuesday, November 6

JOY Volunteer Meeting at 4 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Church Council & Charge Conference
7-9 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

PO Box 926 Newton, NC 28658

Phone: 828-464-8422

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

WE GATHER

OCTOBER 28, 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: *Come and celebrate, people of God!*

People: **We sing and shout our praise!**

Leader: *For our God comes to us:*

People: **triumphant and victorious,**

Leader: *yet gentle and humble of heart.*

People: **He comes bringing peace,**

Leader: *offering hope and freedom to all who despair.*

People: **Let us worship God together!**

*Hymn, No. 98

To God be the Glory

*Prayer of Invocation

Creator God, This is the day that You have made!

**This is the day you have called Holy: Sabbath day, a rest day, a time-out,
out of the world and into the presence of God: a day for rejoicing.**

Make us glad this morning in the House of the Lord.

Remove from us our distractions, our heart-worries,

our to-dos and should-haves and all the constant stress & strain.

And in its place, O God, give us more of You.

Here in your House, our hearts are filled with peace

our mouths with laughter, our tongues with shouts of joy.

Fill us to brimming and overflowing with the joy of the Lord:

A good measure of God, pressed down, shaken together and running over.

We are glad, yes, we are glad indeed, to be together in the House of the Lord!

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

WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD

Children’s Time Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith
Scripture: Luke 6:37-38, Malachi 3:10
Message *Celebrate Giving!* Rev. Lara “Willis” Greene
Service of Giving

Anthem *All Good Gifts* by Lon Beery

*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!

Passing of the Peace *Give Thanks*
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. (Repeat)
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” (Repeat) **Give thanks . . .**

Congregational Prayer
Response: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

Celebration of Giving
You are invited to come with joy and place your gift upon God’s altar. You are welcome to kneel and pray that God will use our gifts to bring about God’s kingdom. Please join in the singing as others come forward.
Halle Halle Halle-lu-jah!
How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, and all will see how great, how great is our God!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee - How great thou art! How great thou art!

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn, No. 399 *Take My Life, and Let it Be*
*Benediction
*Benediction Response, No. 77 *How Great Thou Art*
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
*Chimes of the Trinity
*Postlude

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PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family of Frank Cloninger, Debbie Propst, David & Jean Propst, Bernice Allen & Family, Marcus Forsyth, Rebecca Jones, Robert Christopher, Brooks & Melba Nichols
Our Military: Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Ethan Branton, Todd Houtz, Michael Howard, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump

CHURCH COUNCIL AND CHARGE CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 6

Our Charge Conference will be held Tuesday, November at 7 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Church Council meeting in the Gomedela Room. Meetings are open for anyone to attend. Notes from the meetings are available on the shelves in the Welcome Center.



INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST NEWTON?

You’re invited to Pastries with the Pastors on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Guests, newcomers, and those interested in joining First Newton will have the opportunity to ask questions, discover ways to engage in the life of the church, share your ideas for First Newton and learn what church membership means.
RSVP: firstnewton.org/rsvp



YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL (18 - 30ish)

Looking for a way to connect with other Young Adults? Let’s have dinner (Salsaritas!) on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Parsonage (Willis’ house - 23 West I St. in Newton). We’ll have conversation, and games for those who are interested. Check in with Willis or Shannon if you have questions. Come casual, and you don’t have to bring anything! (Note: this is not a ploy to get you to do anything.) Make sure the Church Office has an updated email address on file. Email: brandyburnette@firstnewton.org

THE BABY BOTTLES ARE COMING NEXT SUNDAY!

First Newton is once again supporting the baby bottle project of the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) of Catawba Valley. On November 4, church members will be passing out baby bottles for you to take home and collect change, dollar bills, or checks to benefit the PCC. You will be asked to bring back the bottles November 18. Proceeds go toward Christian education and support for young mothers. The support the women receive can change the direction of the lives of their entire family. PCC literally saves the lives of unborn children as moms see images of their developing baby in an ultrasound and make a decision to keep the pregnancy. PCC also offers a pregnancy loss support group and support for fathers.



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



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 _____