

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!

Sunday, December 2

Youth Group meets from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 9

Lunch at 11:30 a.m., Caroling 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, December 16

Youth Christmas Party 5-8:30 p.m.
(Bring \$5 dirty Santa gift)

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, December 9

Christmas Caroling 1-3 p.m.
(Lunch optional at 11:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 16

One combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. for the Christmas Cantata
"Follow the Star"

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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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

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 • 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: Welcome to a time of wonder

People: and music that calls us home.

Leader: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

People: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -

Leader: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

People: leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

*Hymn, No. 662

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 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

Children's Time

Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith

Scripture: Ephesians (selected verses, see insert)

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

Message

UNPRECEDENTED

ACTS OF HOSPITALITY

Rev. Lara “Willis” Greene

Service of Giving

Anthem

Gather Us In

by Marty Haugen

*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!

Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

Congregational Prayer

Response: **Gracious God, give us servant hearts.**

Celebration of Service

You are invited to come with joy and place your Service Card upon God's altar. You are welcome to kneel and pray that God will use our gifts to bring about God's vision for unprecedented acts of hospitality.

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!

Blessing

Gracious God, You call us to step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, without fear. Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine. And now O Holy Spirit, bless our service and abide in our hearts so that we may bring about God's vision for unprecedented acts of hospitality. Amen

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn, No. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

This Little Light of Mine (1st verse)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Chimes of the Trinity

*Postlude


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PRAYER CONCERNS: Family of Pat Britt, Michael Roberts, Brooks & Melba Nichols, Dot Hoage & Family, Bernice Allen & Family, Janet Cloninger

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


JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON AT 2 P.M.

to decorate the church for Advent. We will have refreshments and Christmas music to help us get into the holiday spirit. All are welcome!



HOSPITALITY LUNCH & LEARN NEXT SUNDAY

Everyone that signs up to participate in our Unprecedented Acts of Hospitality 90 Day Challenge is invited to the complimentary Hospitality Lunch & Learn session next Sunday, December 2 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall to meet your fellow team members and learn how and what to do! The 90 Day Challenge starts December 9!



SILVER BELL CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED FOR SENIORS


Each name on the Silver Bell tree represents a person who is a ward of the state. This means that Social Services looks out for them because they have no one else. We encourage you to take a bell from the tree, purchase a gift for the person, and share the love of Christ this holiday season. Attach the bell to your unwrapped gift and return it to church by next Sunday, December 2. Please contact JoAnne Hewins (johewins@gmail.com) for more info on this wonderful ministry!

METHODIST WOMEN'S MONTHLY GATHERING ON DECEMBER 7

All women of the church (and friends) are invited to join the Methodist Women for their monthly meeting on December 7. The group is meeting at the Catawba County Country Club for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Martha Sowers at 828-464-6954 to RSVP by December 3.

YOU'RE INVITED TO GO CAROLING

Help us spread Christmas cheer throughout our community as we go caroling on Sunday, December 9 from 1-3 p.m. You may also join a group of folks going to lunch right after the 10:30 worship service or meet at the church at 1 p.m.



Follow the Star


A CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

One Combined Worship Service @

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas through the eyes of . . .



Join us for our Advent Sermon Series as we look at the Christmas story through the eyes of . . .

- Joseph
- A Shepherd
- Mary

Series starts next Sunday, December 2.