

# 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:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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!

**TODAY - Sunday, January 6**

Parent Appreciation Night 5-7 p.m.

Dinner in Fellowship Hall

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

**Sunday, January 27:** Town Hall Meeting

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 - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 . . .

**Tuesday, January 8**

Church Council meeting at 7 p.m.  
in the Gomedela Room

**Sunday, January 27**

Ministry Fair from 9:30-10:20 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

Town Hall Meeting at 5 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

### 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.

[www.firstnewton.org](http://www.firstnewton.org)



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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

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY • JANUARY 6, 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: Herod's treachery could not stop hope!

**People: God's light, whose sign was a star, was poured out for the people.**

Leader: All the fears and fights of this world cannot diminish God's light.

**People: That light is the life of Jesus Christ, who breaks through the darkness.**

Leader: Thanks be to God, for the most precious gift of Light.

**People: Let us live as people of new Light and Hope. AMEN.**

\*Hymn, No. 254

***We Three Kings***

\*Christmas Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. 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.**

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

WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message Through the Eyes of the Wise Men Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith

Prayer of Confession (based on Isaiah 60:1-6, Mark 12:30-31)

Leader: The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God’s realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God’s vision of wholeness.

People: God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.

People: The light of God shines through the darkness. Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.

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.

Giving & Receiving of Holy Communion

Service of Giving

Today’s basket offering will be given to support the ministries of ECCCM and The Corner Table.

\*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!

Prayer of Dedication

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn, No. 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

\*Benediction


\*Benediction Response Hymn, No. 246 Joy to the World (Refrain only)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing. And heaven & nature sing. And heaven & nature sing.

\*Chimes of the Trinity

\*Postlude

Immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service will be a Memorial Service for Melba Nichols in the Sanctuary, followed by the consecration of Melba’s baby grand piano in the Gomedela Room.

 PRAYER CONCERNS: Eric Luckadoo, Dave Zinkeler, Bev Underwood, Terri McGee, Savanna Sigmon, Bernice Allen & Family, Debbie Propst

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

We would love to have your help TODAY at 3 p.m. as we take down the Christmas decorations. The more the merrier and faster!




REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Dinners for 8 is a fun way to get to meet people from the church you may not know. Groups get together once a month for three consecutive months (February, March, April) and share meals at participants’ homes, at local restaurants, or the church. Interested in serving as a group host? Email brandyburnette@firstnewton.org or contact the Church Office for more information. Registration cards will be included in next week’s bulletin or you may sign up on-line at firstnewton.org/d48

You are invited to visit The Prayer Room (in the Chapel). There are prayer stations set up, or you may choose to simply sit in the presence of God. The Prayer Room is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon - Thurs & Sunday 8 a.m. to noon.



METHODIST WOMEN MEETING - All women of the church are invited on Monday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. For more info, contact Martha Sowers at 828-464-6954.



JUST OLDER YOUTH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

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

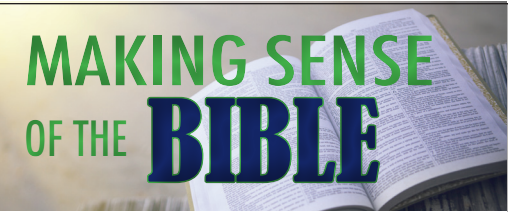
**PROGRAM:** Jesse Salwen, a photographer will share his slide show as we “travel” to India through his personal photos.

**LUNCH MENU:** Pinto beans, marinated slaw, cornbread & assorted pies for dessert.

RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, January 8. For more info, call Bev @ 828-465-0481.

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

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



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:	<input type="radio"/> Monday at 7 p.m.
	<input type="radio"/> Tuesday at 11 a.m.
	<input type="radio"/> Sunday at 9:30 a.m.