

# 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!

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

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

**Sunday, February 3:**  
Super Bowl Party

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.

## A LOOK AHEAD . . .

Sunday, January 27

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

Deadline to sign up for  
Dinners for 8 is January 27.

## FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

Shannon LeMaster-Smith, Minister of  
Discipleship - Children, Youth & Outreach

Brandy Burnette, Church Administrator

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

JANUARY 20, 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: Great is our God, says the psalmist,

**People: And greatly to be praised!**

Leader: For God has stretched the heavens above us

**People: And filled the earth with every good thing.**

Leader: We live and move and have our being in God,

**People: And in him is our everlasting hope.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*Hymn, No. 139

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

\*Affirmation from 1 Timothy, No. 889

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**People: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri

**Glorify 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.**

Anthem

***I've Just Come From the Fountain***

David Cherwien

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

## WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Pastoral Prayer

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Children's Time

Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

\*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 334 **Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

**There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for all these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

Scripture John 3:16-21, Philippians 3:2-16

Message **The Mamelodi Initiative:** Alex White  
**Evangelism and Education in South Africa**

Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

\*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!

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn, No. 593 **Here I Am, Lord**

\*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

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

## TODAY IN WORSHIP WE WELCOME ALEX WHITE TO OUR PULPIT

Alex spent his childhood in the Newton area and graduated from Maiden High School in 2014. He attended Harvard University and graduated in December 2018 with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and a minor in Global Health and Health Policy. He was a member of the Harvard Crimson Football Program for five seasons, where he played both middle linebacker and defensive end. Alex and his family have been members of First United Methodist Newton since 2004. Alex will return to Boston to continue research for a biomedical startup company in the spring, and will attend medical school in the fall of 2019.

**Immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service will be a Memorial Service for Burt Hoage in the Sanctuary.**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Judy Ikerd, Eric Luckadoo, Bev Underwood, Bernice Allen & Family, Debbie Propst, Steve & Sean Quinn

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

## TOWN HALL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

The Church Council invites the congregation to our annual "state of the church" event on Sunday, January 27 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we share dinner together and celebrate the ministries of First Newton. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share and come ready to hear from our Church Council. Together we will:

- Give Thanks for 2018
- Hear an update from the Renovation Team
- Have a Q&A for the 2019 Budget



### 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 WAY FORWARD INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday, January 29 at 6 p.m. we will have an information session led by Rev. Lory Beth Huffman in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about The Commission on a Way Forward and the three options that will be presented at the special General Conference session in February. Our time will be focused on education and awareness. You may learn more about the three options at: [www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources](http://www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources)

## MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

Have you ever wondered how and when the Bible was written? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? How literally must we read it? Is the Bible ever wrong? If so, "Making Sense of the Bible" is for you. Join Rev. Willis for this new study. Orientation starts the week of February 4. The study begins the week of February 11 and will be offered Monday evenings at 7 p.m., Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m., and Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m. Our goal for this 7- week study is a deeper appreciation of the Bible, so that we might hear God speak through it and find His Word to be life-changing and life-giving. Cost for the book is \$10. To sign-up, complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

NAME(S):

EMAIL:

PHONE #:

**Check which class you will attend:**

- Monday at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday at 11 a.m.
- Sunday at 9:30 a.m.