

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!

Today, February 3: Super Bowl Party
5:30 p.m. at Jim Richard's.
Bring a finger food to share.

Sunday, February 10:
Youth Group 3:30-5 p.m.

Sunday, February 17:
Youth Group 3:30-5 p.m.

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 our 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 - 6th Grade that meets on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:30 p.m. For more info, please contact Deacon Shannon.

A LOOK AHEAD . . .

Tuesday, February 12

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

(SAVE-THE-DATE)

Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m.

FREE Community Easter Egg Hunt
on the front lawn

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

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

Brandy Burnette, Church Administrator

John Coffey, Organist

Ron Sinclair, Director of Music

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

FEBRUARY 3, 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: God who is One, You call us to be one,

People: May we be one with all who are made in Your image.

Leader: God who is Three, You call us to be a community,

People: May we find community with all who are called by Your name.

Leader: God who calls us all by Your name,

People: May we find our place in Your eternal family.

*Hymn, No. 617

I Come with Joy

*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.

A Time for All Ages

Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith

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

WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 32 OT pg. 506

Message *As Far as the East is from the West* Rev. Lara “Willis” Greene

Anthem *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* Herklots

The words and music to this anthem may be found in your hymnal No. 390. The congregation is invited to join the Chancel Choir for verse 4, following a brief interlude between verses.

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving, Hymnal pg. 12

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 the Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry (ECCCM) and The Corner Table Soup Kitchen.

*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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn, No. 121 *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response, Hymn 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

Thank you to Today’s Ministry Servants:

Quint Ervin (Crucifer), Eli Ervin (Acolyte), Hospitality Team #5 led by Kathleen Cook

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Monteen Fox, Elizabeth Rights, Judy Ikerd, 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

With the resignation of Sarah Luhrs, the Search Committee interviewed Ron Sinclair on January 30 and found his credentials to be impeccable and his experience to be outstanding. Ron recently retired from St. Luke’s UMC in Hickory after 25 years of service. He has vast musical experience with choirs of all ages and is well respected at the District and Conference levels. Ron will begin serving as our Director of Music on Sunday, February 3. Please join us in welcoming Ron to the First Newton family. -- *Mike Jenkins, Human Relations Chairperson*

METHODIST WOMEN MEETING TOMORROW

Francis Asbury traveled up and down the east coast for almost 40 years preaching the gospel to all who would listen. Come join the Methodist Women on Monday, February 4 at 2 p.m. in the Gomedela to hear about “Sacrifice & Service: Francis Asbury in Catawba County.” Using Asbury’s own words from his massive journals, John Smith will detail the times that the revered Methodist Bishop passed through or stayed in the region we now call home. Learn what the greatest circuit rider in American history did and said as he preached to our collective Methodist ancestors.


FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE

The Catawba Valley District will hold a free Mental Health First Aid course that builds mental health literacy, helping the public identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness. The course will be offered at First Newton on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Register at: <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/MentalHealthFirstAidTraining>

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: FEBRUARY 15

The Faith & Fellowship / Faithbuilders Sunday School Class is providing FREE childcare for Parents Night Out on Friday, Feb. 15 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Activity Room. Children ages 3-12 (who are potty trained) will enjoy dinner, movies, crafts and games while the parents enjoy a night out! Register at: www.firstnewton.org/PNO



A close-up image of a pepperoni pizza, showing several slices with toppings.

PIZZA with the **PASTORS**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

RSVP: firstnewton.org/rsvp

Guests, newcomers, and those interested in joining First Newton are invited to lunch 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.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

PROGRAM: Jim Norris, from the Catawba Valley Bee Keeper’s Association will present a program on the Health & Wellness benefits of honey, and keeping bees healthy.

LUNCH MENU: Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwiches and brownies.

RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, February 12.
For more info, call Bev @ 828-465-0481.

NAME: _____

Attending: _____



It’s not too late to sign up for the *Making Sense of the Bible* study led by Rev. Willis. Orientation is this week and the class starts the week of February 11. Book cost is \$10. 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 at your earliest convenience.

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.