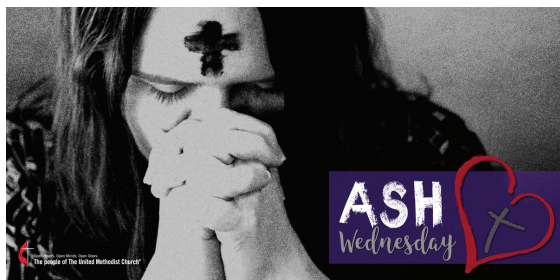




**PRAYER CONCERNS:** David and Jean Propst & Family, Lisa Johnson, Wadine Smith, Dot Martin, Caroline Whisenant, Ken Simmons, Special General Conference Session of the United Methodist Church

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



### Wednesday, March 6

- Imposition of Ashes on the Square downtown from 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

### NEW STATIONS SET UP IN PRAYER ROOM

The Prayer Room (Chapel) is set up with prayer stations for you to experience, or you may choose to simply sit in the presence of God. Currently there are prayer stations set up to pray for the Special General Conference Delegates, Women's Heart Health and Black History Month. The Prayer Room is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. & Sunday's 8 a.m. to 12 noon.



We want to use instruments for upcoming worship services, and need to know who in the congregation plays a musical instrument. Please let Ron Sinclair, our Director of Music, know right away if you play an instrument. Thank you!

You're Invited

to a St. Patrick's Day Party!

**Sunday,  
March 17 @ 5 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall**

We will have a costume contest, games, prizes, & fun for all ages!

**RSVP BY MARCH 10**

via the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the Welcome Center or on-line:

**[firstnewton.org/march17](http://firstnewton.org/march17)**



MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>



**Registration deadlines are coming up for several youth events.**

**IgniteUs:** Middle school retreat, May 3-5, 2019. Deadline is 3/1/19

**Wilderness Trail:** Summer hike program for youth ages 12-18. Deadline is 3/1/19

**Summer Youth Mission Trip:** June 23-29, 2019. Deadline is 3/17/19

**For more info contact Deacon Shannon:**  
[DeaconShannon@firstnewton.org](mailto: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.

Feb. 27: Mission Project at The Corner Table Soup Kitchen

**For more information, please contact**  
[deaconshannon@firstnewton.org](mailto:deaconshannon@firstnewton.org)



### WHAT CAN I DO?

Elected United Methodist delegates along with our bishops are currently in St. Louis, Missouri, for a called special session of General Conference. The goal of the meeting is to find a way forward through our disagreements about same-sex marriage and ordination of LGBTQ clergy. While we may feel far removed from what is happening in St. Louis, there are ways we can follow what's happening and support those doing the work.

### BEGIN WITH PRAYER

- Pray for the delegates, half who are clergy and half who are laypeople.
- Pray for our bishop, Paul Leeland. Bishops do not vote at General Conference, but they lead the sessions.
- Pray for the support staff (including Deacon Shannon LeMaster-Smith). Holding a General Conference takes the work of many behind-the-scenes people.
- Pray for our church, pastor, staff and members who are answering questions. Pray also for The United Methodist Church.

### GET THE FACTS

You may read about General Conference 2019 on social media or secular news. Before responding or reacting, be sure to check the facts. The United Methodist Church has an informative website where you can learn more. Go to [www.umc.org/GC2019](http://www.umc.org/GC2019).

**May God guide us into a continued ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

# 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 a 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## A LOOK AHEAD . . .

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 10 at 11:45 a.m.

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

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 24, 2019 • 8:30 A.M.



Gathering Song

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Opportunities for Praise

Songs of Praise

A Time for All Ages

Song of Preparation

Scripture

Psalms 139:1-18

Message

**Forgiving Ourselves**

Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Holy Communion

*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.*

Service of Giving

Closing Blessing

**Thank you to Today's Ministry Servants:**

Hospitality Team #4 led by Gina & Scott King

*The Pray-Ground is located near the Praise Café and offers children 5 & under a space to quietly engage in activities while experiencing worship with their families. In addition, there are activity bags available as well as nurseries for babies & toddlers located across the breezeway in the Education Building.*

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