

THE CIRCLE IS SMALL . . .

In 2007, Ron Sinclair appeared before the Conference Committee on Ordained Ministry to begin the candidacy process of becoming a Licensed Local Pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. His application was approved and he was assigned a mentor. That mentoring pastor was Dan Martin of First UMC in Newton. For two years, Dan helped guide Ron. In 2008 and 2009 Ron met with the District Committee, and was asked if he was ready to become a full-time Local Pastor. Each time, he asked to wait one year. In 2010, Ron stopped his candidacy because he felt as though he could serve best by continuing in his capacity as full-time Director of Music and Arts at St. Luke's UMC in Hickory. Since that candidacy process began, Ron has preached and led worship on numerous occasions and now serves as our Director of Music here at First UMC Newton.

PRAYER CONCERNS: The Family of Wanda Richardson (sister of Trilby Stockner), Anne Martin, Lynn Blackwelder, Treva Sweezy, Robert Christopher, Bernice Allen & Family

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

SIGN UP FOR THE WEEKLY EMAIL PRAYER LIST

Would you like to receive the pray requests each week by email so that you may include them in your daily prayers? If so, please email kristispencer@firstnewton.org. You'll be added to a weekly email sent out each Monday.



The next **Church Council meeting** will be held Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. As a reminder, meetings are open for anyone to attend. Notes from Church Council meetings are made available in the Welcome Center.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NATHAN RHYNE!

Nathan earned his Eagle Scout badge last Sunday, May 5.

ON-LINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can support the work of the church by giving in a variety of ways. Many find that online giving meets their needs. For more information visit: firstnewton.org/give



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.

Children's Worship Bags:
Located at the entrances of the
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



All 6th -12th graders are welcome to join
First Newton's Youth for worship & fun.

- May 19: Hiking & Pizza, 12-4 p.m.

Contact Deacon Shannon for more info:
DeaconShannon@firstnewton.org



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.

May 15: Review what we've learned
and prepare for K4C Sunday.

For more information, please contact
deacons Shannon@firstnewton.org



SAVE THE DATE!

**VBS SATURDAY,
JULY 20 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**HEARTSAVER
FIRST AID CPR AED
TRAINING**



Tim Hayes is putting together a
CPR/AED Class for members.
We must have 10 people
committed to schedule.

Please complete the form below if you are
interested in participating. Return in the
offering plate or drop by the Church Office.

Name: _____

Email or Ph: _____

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 . . .

Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)

Ron Sinclair Preaching

Sunday, May 19

Kids 4 Christ Sunday

Sunday, May 26

Dr. Jonathan LeMaster-Smith Preaching

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor*

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

Ron Sinclair, Director of Music

Michael Roberts, Praise Team

John Coffey, Organist / Pianist

Kristi Spencer, Communications

Megan Johnson, Nursery Coordinator

Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director

*Rev. Willis is currently on Renewal Leave focused on continuing education for ministry, professional development, & spiritual formation. She will return July 1.

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Becoming one diverse community
Worshipping Jesus passionately
Practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality

LOVING ALL PEOPLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

MAY 12, 2019 • 8:30 A.M.



Gathering Song

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Opportunities for Praise

Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith

Songs of Praise

A Time for All Ages

Song of Preparation

Scripture

John 10:11, 22-30

Message

Forever Loved

Ron Sinclair

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 #2 led by George Johnson

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.*