

First United Methodist Church

A Church that Loves All People into a Relationship with Jesus Christ

Becoming one diverse community passionately worshipping Jesus & practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality.



BRANDY BURNETTE JOINS STAFF AS CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

We are pleased to announce that Brandy Burnette has accepted the position of Church Administrator for First Newton. Brandy's first day in the office was August 27. In this role, Brandy will be focused not only on the administrative responsibilities, but also on expanding our hospitality efforts. Brandy has attended First Newton for ten years and is married to Jimmy, who grew up in our church. Brandy and Jimmy have two children: Riggins, who is almost four, and Emma, who is seven months. "I am excited to be here to support my church family and the community," said Brandy. In addition to her work here, Brandy serves as the president of the Twilight Satellite Club for the Newton-Conover Rotary, where the mission is "service above self." She previously worked at the Catawba County Library for six years and brings a wealth of office and organizations skills.

HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO SOLDIER'S PARADE GUESTS

On Thursday, August 16 First Newton opened our doors (and restrooms) to guests attending the Soldier's Reunion parade in downtown Newton. Thank you to the team of folks who welcomed guests, directed them to the restrooms, provided water and extended hospitality to our community. The hospitality crew included: Ann Cook, Fred Cook, Peter Erickson, Marjo Erickson, Mickey Smith, Celia Drum, George Johnson, Merv McGee & Betty McGee.



THANK YOU TECH STARS

Did you know that on average 300 people per week view the sermon on-line via Facebook?

THANK YOU to our team of folks who videotape our services each week and make them available on-line! Top photo from the Praise Service: Lynsey Wayne, Alexis King, and Gina King. Bottom photo from the 10:30 service Allyson Ervin & Leah Hayes (along with Kathleen Cook & Christie Simms not pictured).



The Prayer Room (in the Chapel) is now open for people to enter and pray. There are prayer stations set up, or you may choose to simply sit in the presence of God. The Prayer Room will be open until mid-September. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday and Sunday's from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

MOSES: SEPTEMBER SNEAK PEAK

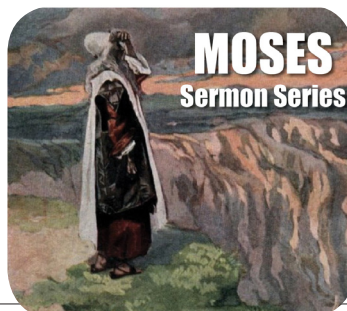
September 2 - Plagues, Passover and Parting

September 9 - Lessons from the Wilderness

September 16 - The 10 Commandments

September 23 - Giants in the Land

September 30 - Choose Life! A View from Mt. Nebo



Moses. He is the extraordinary hero of our faith. Join us in worship as we travel his life story from Egypt through the Dessert and on to the Promised Land. Together we will discover how his story speaks to our life today and what it reveals to us about God, ourselves and about God's will for our lives.

YOUR INVITATION TO SING

You are invited to join with the Chancel Choir to form a special "Cantata Choir." This choir will work exclusively on music for the Christmas Cantata, to be held Sunday, December 16, 2018. The only requirement is a willingness to sing and praise God! Do not worry if you have no prior musical background, we will help you learn the music and have fun singing. Middle school and high school students are also encouraged to join! Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m., beginning September 12. Dress rehearsal is the morning of Saturday, December 15. To sign up, or for more information, contact Sarah Luhrs at fumcnewtonchoir@gmail.com or 651-600-2301.



CELEBRATING 2 YEARS OF JOY

Children from the Summer Preschool entertained guests at the August 9 JOY gathering as they celebrated 2 Years of JOY!

The next JOY event is Thursday, September 13. Refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m. The program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This month's program is "Church History throughout Catawba County" and will be presented by John Smith. The lunch menu is BBQ pork, baked beans, slaw, cornbread and homemade desserts. *RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, September 11.* For more information, call Bev @ 828-465-0481.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SAVE-THE-DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS - GRIEF SHARE SESSION OCTOBER 28

GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of a loved one or friend. It is a safe place to express emotions or to sit quietly and listen. We will offer a "Surviving the Holidays" session on Sunday, October 28 here at First Church from 3-5 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. This session is for anyone who feels the holidays may be difficult because of his/her loss. This event is open to the public. For more info, please contact Harriett Wyatt at hwyatt221@gmail.com or 828-413-0059.



The Parker-Love Sunday School Class including Joe Colletta, bus driver, and his wife, went to the mountains to see Frances & Larry Hollar at the Hollars' son's mountain home near Banner Elk. The group said it was a wonderful day to gather with good friends, and they were blessed with cool mountain breezes, beautiful views, great conversations, and good food.

ECCCM WORKDAY WEDNESDAY SEPT. 5

The first Wednesday of each month has been designated as the day for First Church to volunteer at ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry). You can work a couple of hours or the whole day depending on what your schedule allows. For more info, contact 828-465-1702.



FREE 12 WEEK COURSE STARTING

REBOOT is a free course – not a support group – providing practical help for service members and families. This FREE 12 week course focuses on the spiritual aspects of combat recovery and will meet here at First Newton on Monday evenings beginning September 10 from 6-8 p.m. Register at REBOOTRECOVERY.COM. Dinner and childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Lynn Marilla at 704-650-5353 or email: lmrilla@eaglerockcamp.org.



NURSERY is available during worship services and Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children ages 3 – 5th grade. These groups meet on the level below the Sanctuary from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Note that the classes for this fall will be ages 3 – Kindergarten and 1st – 5th grade.

PROMOTION SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 9

During Sunday school, children 3 years – 5th grade are invited to meet in the Activity Room to celebrate teachers and those being promoted. Youth 6th – 12th grade will meet in the Youth Sunday school classroom.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16 — our Children's Sunday School class will be exploring God's invitation to join God at work in the world. We'll be using Illustrated Children's Ministry's new curriculum: An Illustrated Invitation. Our teachers are excited to spruce up the classroom and delve into something new and different. A special thanks to all of our amazing teachers, Bev Underwood and Kim Britt, Justine Elliot, Staci Miller, and Allyson Ervin.



KIDS FOR CHRIST KICKS OFF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6th Grade. k4C meets Wednesdays 3:00-5:30 p.m. during the school year. Mini-Bus transportation is provided for a few area elementary schools. The brochure and registration form is available on the church website and in the Welcome Center. **If you would like to serve with k4C this year, please contact Deacon Shannon.** We will have a team meeting on Wednesday, September 5 at 3:30 pm.



Our In-And-Out summer camp wrapped up on August 15 with a fabulous Water Fun Day. We shared Bible stories involving water, and used sidewalk chalk to write inspirational messages for people attending the Soldier's Reunion Parade.

Join the Youth of First Newton for worship and fun on designated Sundays at our new time of 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All 6th -12th graders are welcome to join us.

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**NOTE OUR
NEW TIME!**

HERE'S A LIST OF OUR SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

- September 2 No Youth (Labor Day)
- September 9 Fall Kickoff (11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.)
Pizza Party & Theme Reveal! Meal: Wilsons
- September 16 Youth Group (11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.) Meal: Richards
- September 23 Youth Group (11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.) Meal: Johnsons
- September 30 Youth Group (11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.) Meal: Kings

For more information about the Youth program or any of the upcoming events, please contact Deacon Shannon at DeaconShannon324@gmail.com.



Six of our youth along with Deacon Shannon attended the SpiritUS weekend retreat at Fort Caswell on Oak Island. They packed meal kits for Sole Hope and participated in worship services focused on overcoming fear, finding your passion and using it to end injustice.

MINISTRY TEAMS FORMING

We are stronger together, as we each share our unique gifts and passions to create our ministry together. I'm looking for eight to twelve people to serve on a Youth Ministry Team, and eight to twelve people to serve on a Children's Ministry Team. Both teams will meet quarterly to evaluate and dream, and discern how God is calling us to be in ministry with children and youth. Please be in prayer about whether God is calling you to serve on one of these ministry teams. If you're feeling the call to serve or if you have any questions, please contact me.



~Deacon Shannon

Sunday	Attendance	Tithes & Offerings	Capital Building Fund
August 5, 2018	183	\$13,406.73	\$90.00
August 12, 2018	159	\$8,066.50	\$195.00
August 19, 2018	178	\$6,934.50	\$30.00
August 26, 2018	226	\$7,844.96	\$60.00

MEMORIALS

Donnie Holbrook

Capital Building Fund

WE'RE HIRING A PART-TIME NURSERY WORKER

The ideal candidate will provide quality care to infants and toddlers from 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. each Sunday, creating a warm, welcoming and nurturing environment for our smallest disciples. If you, or some you know, are interested, please email: office@fumcnewtonnc.org.

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Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

John Branton Jr.9/1	Johnny Isenhour9/17
Boone Inthavong9/1	Jacob Pawlik9/17
Treva Sweezy9/1	Taylor Bean9/18
Moe Peacock9/3	Nona Burns9/18
Aniston Raines9/3	Karen Arndt9/19
Braxton Smith9/4	Harrison Cadwallader9/19
Bryson Smith9/4	Chasity Miller9/19
Carl Wayne9/6	Doris White9/19
Paul Campbell Jr.9/7	Tracy Wilson9/19
Wendy Hildebran9/7	Margaret Dixon9/21
Danny Delancey9/8	Monteen Fox9/22
Nicholas Foster9/8	Pat Gantt9/22
Betty Newsome9/8	Patrick Loyzelle9/22
Joe Goble9/10	Dale Boger9/23
JoAnne Hewins9/11	Laura DeVos9/23
Alex Yoder9/11	Alice Averitt9/24
Will Yoder9/11	Tony Philmon9/25
Evelyn Brady9/12	Elizabeth Branton9/26
Tyler Helms9/12	Amy Cable9/26
Brandon Mayberry9/13	Diane Hain9/26
Devin King9/14	Carleen Jarrett9/26
Adam Drum9/15	Gail McRee9/26
Dot Harmon9/15	Susan Kale9/27
Marisa Jones9/15	Cynthia Lemons9/27
Wayne Smith9/15	Adam Wilson9/28
Katie Templeton9/15	Neely Harvell9/29
Morgan Butler9/17	Bill Beiler9/30
Larry Caldwell II9/17	Alexis King9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Jo Anne Beiler9/1
Wayne & Diane Hadley9/1
Clarence & Gaye Hood Jr.9/3
Merv & Betty McGee Jr.9/3
Jim & Janet Byrd Jr.9/5
Randy & Sherry Pritchard9/5
Jim & Vicki Yount9/5
Michael & Angela Gantt9/11
Bill & Diane Shillito9/13
Brandon & Allison Cox9/15
Bill & Jean Hasty9/15
Jason & Ashley Lamb9/18
Kenneth & Anne Hunsucker9/19
Keith & Lori Mayberry9/22
Jim & Trilby Stockner9/28
Larry & Stacey Gregory9/29