

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.

WELCOME EVENTS PLANNED FOR SHANNON LEMASTER-SMITH

We will be have a special installation service for our new Deacon, Shannon LeMaster-Smith, on Sunday July 15 at both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services. Shannon is joining the church staff as our Minister of Discipleship - Children, Youth and Outreach.



We are putting together a Welcome Basket for Shannon and invite Sunday School Classes, Ministry Teams and other church groups to bring an item for the basket. Examples of items could be a candle, to share God's Light, or a devotional to share God's word. Use your imagination! With your item, please include a note as to who the gift is from and include an invitation for Shannon to join your group or class. Remember to include the date, location and times you meet. Please have your items to Julie in the Church Office by Wednesday, July 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Finally, everyone is invited to a Sunday Supper at 6 p.m. on July 15 in the Fellowship Hall to welcome Shannon into the First Church family. The church will supply fried chicken tenders and drinks. We invite you to bring a covered dish (salads, vegetables, casseroles, bread/rolls, or desserts) to add to the meal.

MELISSA ERVIN NEW NURSERY DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce that Melissa Ervin has accepted the position of Nursery Director here at First Church. Melissa and her husband Quint have been members of First Church for 11 years. They have two children, Eli and Ivey, ages 8 and 5. Melissa is a kindergarten teacher at Blackburn Elementary and has a passion for working with young children. She received a Child Development Birth thru Kindergarten degree from Appalachian. Melissa will be coordinating & training volunteers, and creating new policies & procedures so that the nursery will be a place of warm welcome and nurture for our smallest disciples.



We are still interviewing for a Sunday morning child care worker. The ideal candidate will provide quality care to infants and toddlers from 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. each Sunday. Responsibilities include: set-up and clean-up of the nursery space; and implementing and politely enforcing all Nursery policies & procedures (check in/out, food & drink guidelines, age restrictions, etc.). If you are interested in the position, please email: office@fumcnewtonnc.org.



The Christian Cliches Sermon Series returns July 22 and continues through August 12. We'll explore several sayings often attributed to the Bible and learn more about what the Bible REALLY has to say.

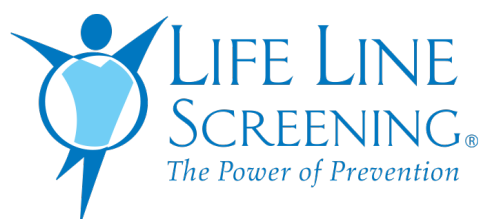


On Sunday, June 24 we celebrated the Baptisms of Skylar Paige, Khloe Elizabeth, Christopher Bryan, Cástn Mickale, & Krislynn Nicole, children of Tiffany & Chris Setzer.



IMPACT PRAYER GROUP

You're invited to join members of area Newton churches who meet together to pray for the community. The group participates in Prayer on the Square on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 12:30-12:45 p.m. at the Court Square in Newton.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

- a 10% decrease in cholesterol can reduce your risk for heart disease 30%
- Stroke is the 4th and Diabetes is the 5th leading cause of death in the U.S.
- Elevated CRP levels in the blood are indicators of risk for heart disease and high blood pressure

Life Line Screening will offer a preventive health event here at First Church on Wednesday, July 18. Life Line Screening offers finger-stick blood tests with results in 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of diabetes and vascular disease.

Register for the lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides), glucose and CRP blood tests for only \$129.

To schedule your appointment,
call 888-653-6441 or visit
[http://lifelinescreening.com/
communitycircle](http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)



NURSERY is available during worship services and Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children ages 3- 5 in our Pre-school Class and for Children K- 5th grade. These groups meet on the level below the Sanctuary from 9:30 am to 10:15 am. The K-5th grade class will be using the lesson of the Ten Men Healed for the month of July. Please join in when you can, we learn through art, science, games, cooking and videos.

UP IN OUT - Our summer program for children ages (rising K-6th grade) will meet on Wednesdays July 18 and August 15 from 9 a.m. to noon in our Activity Room. We have a great time Glorifying God "UP" and Building our Faith "IN" and Serving our Community "OUT". Tons of fun, please join us and bring your friends!



Very BIG SATURDAY

Join us for music, crafts, games,
food, fellowship & BOWLING!

WHERE: Pin Station (Expo Center)
WHEN: Saturday, August 4
TIME: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
AGES: 3 years (potty trained)
- 6th Grade

Registration for participants & volunteers is NOW OPEN. Visit:
[FACEBOOK.COM/VERYBIGSATURDAY](https://www.facebook.com/verybigsaturday)



Join the Youth of First Church for worship and fun on designated Sundays from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All 6th -12th graders are welcome to join us.

Here's a list of our upcoming Youth events:

- **July 22-28** Wilderness Trail
- **August 10-12** SpiritUS - an annual youth conference of the Western NC United Methodist Church. Church youth groups from all over the NC region come together at the beach for music, speakers, faith-formation, and joyful fun at Fort Caswell in Oak Island, NC! Cost is \$120 per person. Stay tuned for details & registration info.

We want to give a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to Lisa Johnson and Jim Richard, our adult youth counselors who gave a week of their vacation time to serve alongside our youth on the mission trip to Pennsylvania in June. Your servant leadership was and is a blessing to our Youth and the entire First Church family!



Our J.O.Y. fellowship meeting in June featured the award winning Acapella Fellas. The group entertained the crowd with hits from a wide array of musical genres including gospel, beach and jazz.

NEXT J.O.Y. GATHERING JULY 12

Join us Thursday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and cookies in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 10:00 a.m. with a devotion time, followed by our guest speaker Elizabeth McHugh, survivor of US Airways Flight 1549 "Miracle on the Hudson." The lunch menu is hot dogs, chips, watermelon and banana pudding. RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, July 10.



Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors: Cheryce Gregory, Camryn Gantt, Neely Harvell, and Hannah Lowder!



Nine youth and three adult leaders were on a week-long mission trip in Pennsylvania in June. The group also enjoyed a day at Hershey Park.

Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

Katie Fleming	7/1	Eunice Gutyar	7/15
Jewel Gates	7/2	Jessica Rhyne	7/15
Lisa Martin	7/2	Amy Bandy	7/16
Nathan Rhyne	7/2	Logan Carter	7/16
Lynn Delancey	7/4	James Stockner	7/16
John Lamb	7/4	Shannon Hefner	7/17
Betty McGee	7/5	Susan Reinhardt	7/17
Shawn Fountain	7/7	Nichole Sigmon	7/18
Benjamin Benson	7/8	Teresa Fletcher	7/19
Kasey Boger	7/8	Allen Bandy Jr.	7/20
Kyle Lynch	7/8	Kimberly Boston	7/20
Michelle Caldwell	7/9	Fred Cook Jr.	7/20
Kayla Cochran	7/9	Elijah Ervin	7/20
Martin Driscoll	7/9	Sophie Cox	7/21
Patricia Hayes	7/10	Cooper Drum	7/22
Camden Hollar	7/10	Kimberly Caldwell	7/24
Betty Jackson	7/10	Steven Dennie	7/24
George Johnson	7/10	Leslie Benson	7/26
Kathryne Awad	7/11	Susan Peacock	7/26
J. Kenneth Hunsucker	7/11	Edwin Copeland Jr.	7/27
Caroline Smith	7/11	Evelyn Johnson	7/27
Ann Davis	7/12	Brittany Fulbright	7/29
Kay Smyre	7/12	Jennifer Holt	7/31
Katie Foster	7/13	Colby Kelley	7/31
Bernice Allen	7/14	David White	7/31
Audrey Smith	7/14		

ANNIVERSARIES

Roy & Kaye Lewis	7/3
Haskew & Kristy Smith	7/4
John & Teena Branton Jr.	7/5
Peter & Marjo Erickson	7/6
Greg & Beth Phillips	7/9
Ken & Paulette Moss	7/17
Al & Debbie Bandy Jr.	7/18
Bob & Jean Carter	7/18
Brett & Terra Butler	7/31
John & Donna Mull	7/31

SUMMER STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

While you're enjoying the beach and mountains, please remember that the ministries of the church continue during the Summer. Look at all the great ways the Church makes use of your financial gifts — Very Big Saturday, Up-In-Out, Youth Mission trips, J.O.Y. gatherings, and so much more! Summer is a great time to use on-line giving. You may give quickly and easily from our website: fumcnewtonnc.org/give. You may also mail your tithes & offerings to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 926, Newton, NC 28658.

Sunday	Attendance	Tithes & Offerings	Capital Building Fund
June 3, 2018	215	\$10,309.20	\$110.00
June 10, 2018	170	\$6,545.95	\$20,030.00
June 17, 2018	152	\$4,932.50	\$80.00
June 24, 2018	183	\$7,093.00	\$130.00

MEMORIALS

Mac Welborn	Current Expense Fund
Sherrill Cranford	Current Expense Fund

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FINANCIAL REVIEW TEAM UPDATE

The Financial Review for 2017 was completed on May 11, 2018. The review was done in coordination with Mark King, WNCC Conference Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services. We reviewed items that should be included in a good Financial Review and we used the best practice methods of review. We also wanted to provide an open invitation to any church member to review any of the findings, recommendations and work papers, with the Chair of this team and the Finance Secretary. Contact the Church Office if you are interested.

What was Reviewed

1. Our team sampled 60 invoices, approximately 20% of all invoices.
2. We looked at several months of bank statements & deposits to see if they had been properly reconciled.
3. We verified that total salaries paid matched the twelve monthly payroll reports.
4. Lastly, we verified through a random sample that individual giving reports sent to church members were accurate, by having sampled church members compare their records of giving to the church's record.

Findings

Of the 60 invoices we reviewed, we found 58 of them to be correct for all aspects that were reviewed. We found only two invoices with a small error. All reconciliations, salary totals and confirmation of giving records were correct. Overall the errors found were minor, easily correctable and not significant. The Church's overall financial health is excellent. The Church Financial staff should be commended for the organization of the financial records and the ease that these records were to review.

Recommendations

The Financial Review Team recommends that the Church Council consider budgeting funds in the 2019 budget for a Certified CPA Audit of church finances for budget year 2018. The Church Conference recommended doing a full audit every fifth year for church's who are completing Financial Reviews.

