

# First Newton

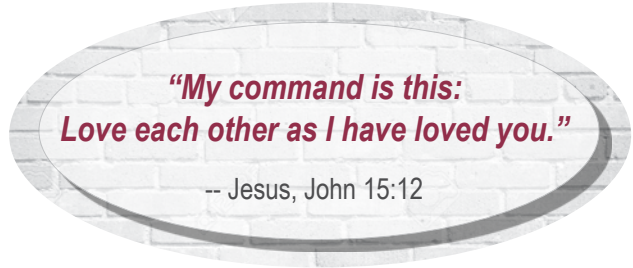
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## LOVING ALL PEOPLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

### EXPLORING UNPRECEDENTED ACTS OF HOSPITALITY

First Newton's vision is to be one diverse community passionately worshipping Jesus and practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality. As presented at our annual church-wide Town Hall Meeting in January, specific goals & action steps have been developed to move us closer to this vision. On Sunday, November 11 we're starting a new three-week worship series to take a closer look at **Unprecedented Acts of Hospitality**. What does it mean? What could it look like at First Newton? How do we do it?



Phil Maynard, author of *Shift 2.0*, writes that we love because we have been loved. We welcome others because we have been welcomed. We want others to discover grace because we have learned about the transforming power of God's love and grace. As we prepare for our upcoming worship series focused on hospitality, reflect on what brought you to First Newton. How were you welcomed? How do we welcome guests visiting the church today? What gifts do you have that you can share to make others feel truly welcomed into our church family?



*We appreciate everyone who made our 70th Anniversary Celebration such a special day. Special thanks to the Methodist Women for organizing and providing the meal in the Fellowship Hall.*

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST NEWTON?

You're invited to Pastries with the Pastors on Sunday, November 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Guests, newcomers, and those interested in joining First Newton will have the opportunity 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. Please call the Church Office or **RSVP on the website: [firstnewton.org/rsvp](http://firstnewton.org/rsvp)**



### YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL FOR FOLKS 18-30ish

Want to connect with other Young Adults? Let's have dinner Thursday, November 15 at 6 p.m. at the Parsonage (Willis' house - 23 West I St. in Newton). We'll have conversation, and games for those who are interested. Check in with Willis or Shannon if you have questions. Come casual, and you don't have to bring anything! (Note: this is not a ploy to get you to do anything.) Make sure the Church Office has an updated email address on file. **Email: [brandyburnette@firstnewton.org](mailto:brandyburnette@firstnewton.org)**



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Celebrate Giving worship series. We had a great response! If you have not turned in your pledge card, please drop it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the Church Office (PO Box 926, Newton, NC 28658. From our pledges, the 2019 Budget will be created by the Church Council.



*Thank you to everyone who brought cupcakes, helped serve, and extended hospitality to our community at the Spooktacular event.*

### BABY BOTTLES ARE AVAILABLE



First Newton is once again supporting the baby bottle project for the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) of Catawba Valley. Please take a baby bottle home and collect change, dollar bills, or checks to benefit the PCC. Please return the bottles November 18. Proceeds go toward Christian education and support for young mothers.

### JOIN US FOR JOY - NOVEMBER 8

The next J.O.Y. event is Thursday, November 8. Refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This month's program is "Imperfect but Forgiven" a group of men from the Catawba Correctional Center who sing and speak about their rehabilitation. The lunch menu is chicken & dumplings, slaw, peas, cranberry sauce & homemade desserts. *RSVP to the Church Office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 6.* For more info, contact Bev Underwood @ 828-465-0481.



### METHODIST WOMEN LUNCH MEETING

All women of the church (and friends) are invited to join the Methodist Women for their monthly meeting. The group is meeting at O'Charley's for lunch on Wednesday, November 7 at 11:30 a.m. For more information about the group, please contact Martha Sowers at 828-464-6954.

### CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference & Church Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room (one week early to meet District deadline for Charge Conf). Meetings are open for anyone to attend and meeting notes are available on the shelves in the Welcome Center.

### ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS WANTED

Any child 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up who wants to begin serving as an acolyte, and any adult who wants to begin serving as a crucifer, please contact Judy Beaman at 828-310-5527 or email: [jbeaman@charter.net](mailto:jbeaman@charter.net). Those already serving will be kept on the list unless you let Judy know otherwise. Please contact Judy by the end of November so she can set up the 2019 Calendar. Thank you!



### NOVEMBER 9-11 IS DONOR SABBATH

National Donor Sabbath is observed annually two weekends before Thanksgiving. This three-day observance seeks to educate the public about the need for the lifesaving and healing gifts passed to others through transplantation, and encourage people to register their decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donors. You can literally be a lifesaver by being an organ donor. Here are some important facts about donation:

- Someone is added to the wait list every 10 minutes (125,000 people are waiting now).
- Each day, an average of 79 people receive organ transplants, while 21 people die each day waiting for transplants because of the shortage of donated organs.
- People of every age give and receive organ donations.
- Learn more and register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor at [DONATELIFE.NET](http://DONATELIFE.NET)

### FIRST NEWTON STAFF RETREAT

Our church staff will be attending a day-long retreat on Saturday, November 10 led by Kim Shockley, the District Vitality Strategist. Kim has consulted with our Church Council and Vision Team and has extensive experience working with staffs and helping them serve together. Each member of our staff has completed a DISC profile that will be used to help us understand how we function and communicate as a team.

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday, November 4 during our 10:30 worship service we will remember and celebrate the saints who passed over the last year.

Doris Lawing Elliott

Vera Mae Arndt

Jacquelyn Higgins Bandy

Michiko Hayhurst

Timothy Smith Wykes

Anna Lee Cook

Louise Bowen Barkley

George Edward Petree

Numie Sherrill Cranford

McDonald Wellborn

John Lee Tate

Donnie Ray Holbrook

Merle Orene Smith

Sarah Eunice Mauney

Frank Cloninger



All 6th -12th graders are welcome to join the Youth of First Newton for worship and fun. Here's a look at our November schedule:

- November 4 - Youth Group will meet from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (deadline to sign up for lock-in)
- November 9 - Youth Lock-in from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.
- November 18 - Youth Group meets from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



*Thank you to the Youth Group and JR (Jim Richard) for making two picnic tables for the church yard.*



**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. Our classes are exploring God's invitation to join God at work in the world.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP**

We welcome children of all ages and the sounds & activity that accompany them! The Pray-Ground is an area located near the Praise Café during the 8:30 service, that offers children 5 & under a space to quietly engage in age appropriate activities while experiencing worship with their families. There are also activity bags available at the entrances to the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS - JULY 20, 2019**



**SERVICE PROJECTS UPDATE**

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Flood Bucket project for Kids for Christ (k4C). The kids had a great time assembling all the items! Our next mission project will be serving at the Corner Table on November 7. k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and meets on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:30 p.m. during the school year. For more information, contact Deacon Shannon.

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## METHODIST PRESCHOOL

### PRESCHOOL MAKING BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Preschool is working on their Fall "Lend a Hand" Community Service Project and would love help from our church family! They are collecting items now through November 7 to make 60 Blessing Bags to be given to the Corner Table for the homeless in our community. ITEMS NEEDED: travel-sized deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, lotion, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, wet wipes, chap stick, individually packaged fruit cups, goldfish, individual sized cereal boxes, crackers, granola bars, trail mix, cookies, dried fruit, or any non-perishable food in individual sized packaging, gum, band-aids, socks, knit gloves, toboggans, & bottled water.

You may place your items in the buggy near the Church Office. THANK YOU!

### COMMUNITY HELPER VISITS

Our preschoolers were visited in October by various community helpers including our local police force and fire department.



Sunday	Attendance	Tithes & Offerings	Capital Building Fund
October 7, 2018	154	\$4,977.75	\$55
October 14, 2018	139	\$7,305.00	\$520
October 21, 2018	174	\$8,261.03	\$30
October 28, 2018	140	\$6,488.50	\$80

## MEMORIALS

Ruth Durham Morris	General Fund
Wilma Wilson Waters	Music Fund
Frank Cloninger	General Fund
Frank Cloninger	Garden Fund

## FIRST CHURCH STAFF

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## 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, email: brandyburnette@firstnewton.org.



## BIRTHDAYS

Cecilia Chiok..... 11/1	Rick Faust..... 11/14
Justin Long ..... 11/1	Mary Bess Lawing ..... 11/14
John Mull ..... 11/1	Martha Sowers ..... 11/15
Haley Hart..... 11/2	Roger Johnson ..... 11/17
Jack Brooks ..... 11/3	Zac Eller ..... 11/18
Suzy Cadwallader..... 11/3	Laura Richard ..... 11/19
Mary Alice McCombs..... 11/3	Diane Shillito..... 11/19
Abby Gantt..... 11/4	Tim Elliott..... 11/20
Anna Gantt ..... 11/4	Dick Hewitt..... 11/22
Christie Sims ..... 11/4	Rene Swink ..... 11/22
Nink Harvell Jr. .... 11/5	Sherry Cooke..... 11/23
Andrew Pritchard..... 11/5	Allison Cox..... 11/23
Kathleen Cook..... 11/6	Cathy Stone..... 11/24
Jeff Foss ..... 11/6	Jamie Elledge ..... 11/27
Lynn Marilla ..... 11/7	Leah Hayes ..... 11/27
Donald Scronce ..... 11/8	Hannah Lowder ..... 11/27
Frances Hollar ..... 11/9	Jarrett Mull..... 11/27
Amber Nguyen..... 11/10	Max Bolick ..... 11/28
Cindy Sigmon ..... 11/10	Michelle Wayne ..... 11/28
Paul Hunsucker ..... 11/11	Dotti Goble..... 11/29
Mason Isenhour..... 11/12	Jim Hildebran..... 11/29
Hayleigh White ..... 11/12	Scott King ..... 11/29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Beth Foss ..... 11/1
Norris & Gail McRee ..... 11/1
Gary & Susan Kale ..... 11/17
Greg & Laura Bailes ..... 11/18
Paul & Becky Campbell Jr. .... 11/23
Max & Judith Bolick ..... 11/24
Neil & Kristi Harvell..... 11/25

## COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

First Newton will communicate any changes to our church schedule via local TV (WBTV, WCNC, & WSOC), in addition to email, Facebook, and website postings.

**NEW for 2018:** Sign up to receive a text alert.

Simply text: @1stnewton to 81010.