



Loving People into the Kingdom of God in the Heart of Catawba County.

First United Methodist Church

Newton, North Carolina

AUGUST 2016

IN TOUCH



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Vacation Bible School
Surf Shack

Monday, August 1st to Thursday, August 4th
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Nursery through 5th grade

"Surf's Up"

Register online at 2016.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcnewtonnc or call the church office 828-464-8422.

Join Skipper and Snappy the Crab for Awesome Bible Stories, Waves of fun games, sandy crafts, and Sun-shiny science projects.
We will share our VBS songs with the church on Sunday, August 7th, during the Praise Service at 9:00 am.

Children's Ministries

Summer Sunday School

10:00 am to 10:45 am

Preschool ages 3-5 you are welcome to join Ms. Kim & Ms. Bev for stories and crafts.

K-5th graders will continue with the Surf Shack VBS theme of God creates, helps, loves, calms, and sends. Lots to explore and learn!

UP***IN***OUT

Children K-5th grade

Wednesday, August 24th

9:00 am to noon, Activity Room

UP - we will worship God

IN - we will build good relationships

OUT - we will work on a community project

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 28th

First Methodist, Newton, has a great tradition of gifting Bibles to our rising second graders. This year we will present Bibles to these celebrated children during the 11:00 worship service. Please join us for this special occasion.

Blessing of the Book Bags

Children, students, and teachers are invited to bring their school book bags to church on Sunday, August 28th, to receive a blessing for the new school year. The Blessings will take place at all three services.



A New Beginning

It is with grateful hearts that First United Methodist Church wishes Beth Fowler the very best as she begins a new chapter in her career! Beth has accepted a new teaching position at Lake Forrest Elementary School in Cleveland, TN. Beth has faithfully served as FUMC's Music Director for the past year and has blessed this congregation with her gifts and talents. While we are sad to see her leave, we are grateful for the time she served here and for the way she taught and ministered to the Chancel Choir. We rejoice in this opportunity for Beth and her family. Beth's husband, Doug, also received a new job in Cleveland with Hickory Springs. Their move to Tennessee will put them closer to their parents and extended family. Please join the congregation for 11:00 Worship on Sunday, July 31, as we say good-bye to the Fowlers and express our deep appreciation for their ministry at First Church.



Welcome New Member

Michiko (Michi) Hayhurst

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Fox	8/1
Jim Gantt Jr.	8/1
Cooper Hayes	8/2
Mark Sherrill	8/3
Connie Kincaid	8/4
Lynn Caldwell	8/5
Beth Isenhour	8/5
Patrick Lane	8/5
Becky Stiver	8/5
Melinda Shaw	8/6
Tristan Burnette	8/7
Addison Lewis	8/7
Todd Rhyne	8/7
Lynne Gantt	8/8
Ashley Bandy	8/9
Merle Smith	8/9
Ron Lindler	8/10
Addison McLaughlin	8/10
Pat Benfield	8/11
Judy Ikerd	8/11
Chris Boston	8/12
Jonnie Petree	8/12
Paul Wade	8/12
Lisa Wade	8/13

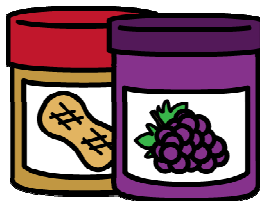
Brigette DeArman	8/14
Josh Macijewski	8/14
Tim Hayes	8/15
Michael Rhyne	8/15
Todd White	8/15
Cole Riley	8/16
Lauren Wade	8/16
Alisun Carpenter	8/17
Austin Drum	8/17
Julia Fox	8/17
Trilby Stockner	8/17
Brett Butler	8/18
Nick Cadwallader	8/18
John Hewins	8/18
Cindy Boger	8/19
Vickie Burgess	8/19
Dot Hoage	8/19
Brenda Blalock	8/20
Neil Harvell	8/20
Larry Hollar Sr.	8/20
Jamie Richard	8/20
Leida Stewart	8/20
Gaye Hood	8/21
Nate Robison	8/21

Jason Lamb	8/22
Brian White	8/22
Suzanne Yoder	8/22
Charlie Anderson	8/23
Cynthia Hobbs	8/23
Eric Hefner	8/24
Matthew Trivette	8/24
Christine Fay	8/25
Marcus Forsyth	8/25
Beth Foss	8/25
Jayne Bailes	8/26
Gina Lindsey	8/26
Noah Brisbin	8/27
Quinn Hunter	8/27
Joey Rhyne	8/27
Chris Cadwallader	8/28
Allyson Ervin	8/29
Bebe Roland	8/29
Trysta Smyre	8/29
Eddie Caldwell Jr.	8/30
Todd Clark	8/30
Marie Pope	8/30
Damion Setzer	8/30
Randy Faucette	8/31

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Teresa Coley	8/2
Nink & Jane Harvell Jr.	8/3
Walter & Cathy Stone	8/4
Quint & Melissa Ervin	8/5
Todd & Jessica Rhyne	8/6
Fred & Kathleen Cook Jr.	8/12
Bill & Rhonda Noel	8/15
Dwaine & Beth Morgan	8/17
Don & Marie Pope	8/17
Vernon & Cindy Crawford Jr.	8/21
Wayne & Angie Meshaw	8/21
Bill Bump & Gina Lindsey	8/22
Bill & Dawn Powell	8/22
Steve & Kellie Atkinson	8/24
Brian & Michelle White	8/24

Bring a new, plastic container of peanut butter or jelly for Conover School!



On the first Sunday of every month, First UMC will celebrate **PB & J Sunday**, a day designated for everyone to bring either a plastic container of peanut butter or a plastic container of jelly.

Director of Music Ministry

First United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Director of Music. We are searching for an experienced candidate who is called by God to coordinate and direct the music ministry of our Chancel Choir at our traditional Sunday service. The church is committed to providing a high quality program that addresses the varied needs of the congregation. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. For a complete job description and to submit a resume, please contact Paul Campbell, Chairperson of Staff Parish, at pfcampbe@charter.net.

Sharing Our Gifts

Sunday	Attendance	Tithes and Offerings	Capital Bldg. Fund
July 3	135	7,040.77	140.00
July 10	230	8,954.85	165.00
July 17	229	8,517.00	430.00
July 24	208	8,348.50	575.00

First United Methodist Church Staff:

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor
 cell: 828-461-5918
 John Coffey, Organist
 Beth Fowler, Choir Director
 Michael Roberts, Praise Service
 Rose Bibeau, Children's Music
 Julie Braswell, Children's Ministry
 Ann Cook, Administrative Assist.
 Kayla Sigmon, Nursery Ministry
 Kristi Harvell, Preschool

July Memorials

Lindsay Lawing Garden Fund
 Betty Bollinger Matthews Garden Fund

July Honorariums

David Greene Current Expense

RESERVED PARKING FOR REUNION PARADE

Our youth will be selling reserved parking spaces on Reunion Day, Thursday, August 18. Call the church office (464-8422) to reserve your space, and then come by the office to give your donation and pick up your **Reserved Parking Permit**. Spaces are limited, so call soon!

This Summer Has Been Busy!



Farewell reception for David.



Morgan Butler helping the children make fruit kabob's during the cooking segment of Sunday School.



Jamie Richard helping his dad Jim Richard, Trustee Chairperson, change light bulbs in the sanctuary.



Youth on Mission Trip with TEAMeffort in Jacksonville, FL.



Youth during "free day" of Mission Trip.

Members of First United Methodist Church
who passed away during the first half of 2016

IN MEMORIAM

“Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord for they cease from their labor
and their works do follow them.”

Charles Robert Powell

October 27, 1924 - January 7, 2016

Howard C. Richard

March 8, 1933 - January 18, 2016

Robert D. Sherrill

October 6, 1953 - January 24, 2016

June Sherrill

October 2, 1927 - April 3, 2016

Robert Rights, Sr.

July 27, 1928 - April 15, 2016

Shirley Hayes

December 31, 1940 - May 11, 2016

Kevin Forsyth

October 30, 1953 - May 31, 2016

Edith “Hon” Benton

June 3, 1918 - June 23, 2016

Muriel Pendleton

September 29, 1921 - June 25, 2016



Hickory Crawdads vs Charleston River Dogs

Friday, August 26th, at 7:00 pm

Special Ticket Price: \$6.00 per person

“Take me out to the Ballgame, buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks;” and hey, let’s go as a church family! First Methodist, Newton, has reserved seating in section 111 which is convenient to the rest rooms and concession areas. Added attractions will be the 30th Anniversary of Pixar Studios and fireworks after the game. Questions and to purchase tickets, please contact Julie at Juliebraswell@gmail.com or call her at 464-8422.

Deadline for tickets is Sunday, August 21st.





Thursday, August 11

in the Fellowship Hall

Coffee/cookies available at 9:30am

Program begins at 10:00am

Lunch at noon

Blood Pressure Checks

Magazine/Book swap

Service Projects

Devotions

Fun and Fellowship

Program

Nutritious Lunch

Reservations required. Please call the office.

Donations accepted.