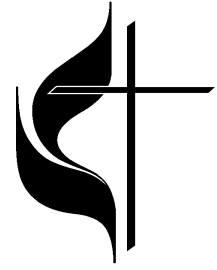


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FIRST WORD



The Weekly Newsletter for Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church, Newton, North Carolina
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Here are a few items on which I would ask your attention and prayers:

Impact Day – A great big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event such a success! This past Saturday over 775 bags of food were distributed by United Methodists to more than 1200 residents of Catawba County. Over 50 of our members served in the distribution of these bags and countless other members donated food items in recent weeks to this cause. Thanks to our Mission Committee for all of its hard work in organizing our efforts. I believe Susan Reinhardt (chairperson of our Mission Committee) summed it up best when she said, “To God be the glory for His amazing Provisions!”

Healing Service – On Sunday, June 20, you are invited to gather at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for a Service of Healing. If you have brokenness or pain in your life, whether it is physical, spiritual, or emotional, you are welcome to come. We also encourage all members and friends of our church family to be a part of this service of compassion, hope and quite confidence in God. The Bible states, “Are any among you sick? They should call the elders of the church and have them pray for them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14). Please plan on being a part of this very special time of worship.

Greeters – Did you know that 70% of all people who visit a church make up their mind about coming back before the pastor stands to deliver the sermon? A key factor that determines if a visitor will return is whether he or she felt welcomed. Our Evangelism Committee is seeking persons who would be willing to serve as a greeter at one of our worship services on Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to serve. There's no experience necessary. All you need is a willing heart and warm smile to make every person who enters our building feel like an honored guest from the very first minute they arrive at our doors. The Bible says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:2). Please prayerfully consider becoming a greeter and then sign-up at the information table in the breezeway between the sanctuary and our church offices.

Annual Conference – This week is the 2010 Annual Conference session of the Western North Carolina Conference. Clergy and laity from across western North Carolina will be gathering at Lake Junaluska to worship together and discern where God is leading us Methodists as we move into 2011 and beyond. I always look forward to reconnecting with old friends and spending sometime in the bookstore during this event. One of the things I be thinking about is the fact that Lara and I are winding down our first year here as your pastors. We are so grateful that Bishop Goodpaster has appointed us here at First Church Newton for another year. You have reached out to us in ways that we would have never imagined possible and, for that, we are deeply grateful. I am so very excited about the future because I believe that the same God, who has so richly blessed this congregation in the past, has great and wonderful things in store for us in the future!

See you Sunday, David

LOVE LABOR CORPS is in need of people who enjoy helping others by building handicapped ramps or doing home repairs for senior citizens and others. They can also use people who would be there to assist the builders. Please consider this important work. You may sign up in the breezeway, or call the church office at 464-8422.

GROUP WORKCAMP is June 27-July 3. Four hundred teens and their youth advisors will be coming to our area to do home repairs for families in need. Please consider volunteering during Group Workcamp! Volunteer opportunities and sign-up sheets are located in the breezeway.

Thank you, Susan Reinhardt,
Missions/Outreach, 381-9841

AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

June 13, 2010

THE SHARED WORD: Rev. Greene
“SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO”
Daniel 3:16-25

HOSPITAL REPORT:

Harper Cilley is now at Abernethy Laurels, Newton

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 13

Serving begins at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Menu: Salad and Loaded Potato Bar

Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream

Proceeds will go to the General Fund

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

* June 13-19, 2010 *

SUN.	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	11:00	Fundraiser Luncheon
	4:00-5:30	All Youth
	7:00	Trustees Meeting
MON.	6:00	N-C Women's Club
TUES.	9:00	Preschool
WED.	9:00	Preschool
	6:00	Praise Team
THURS.	9:00	Preschool
	1:00	Prayer Shawl

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Our next Blood Pressure Check will be Sunday, June 20 in David's or Willis' offices between 9:30-10:00 a.m.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED RECENTLY

UMW Scholarship Fund:

Katheryn Goble

Martin (Marty) Burrows

Men's Bible Class—Radio Fund:

Ray Sims

Ron Sims & Family

Renovation Fund:

Katheryn Goble

Eunice Gutyar, Tom & JoAnn Waters

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray For:

Harper Cilley
 Nancy Ryan
 Jean Childs
 Heather Clontz
 Neil Love
 Jennifer Warren
 Scott Coley Family
 Jenny Hamrick
 Jerry McGee
 Chad Correll

Requested By:

Friends
 Jim & Trilby Stockner
 Jim & Trilby Stockner
 Michelle White
 Tommy & Pat Howard
 Gina King
 Lowder Family
 Sherry Kirby
 Merv McGee
 Friends

2010 CONFERENCE JOURNAL

Orders are being received for the 2010 Conference Journals and CDs. The cost is \$30 each for the Journals and the CD Journal is \$10 per copy. Make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and mark for conference journal.

Please call the church office to reserve your copy.

CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION

Five youth and one adult will be at CCC July 13-19. Those attending are: Rolan Benson, Chase Boston, Cody Bynum, Damion Setzer, Charlie Smith and Haskew Smith.

Cards and packages may be sent to them at

Carolina Cross Connection
 (Camper's Name)
 West Wilkes Middle School
 PO Box 1292
 Millers Creek, NC 28651.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, June 6, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m. 83 11:00 a.m. 228
 Sunday School 126 9:00 a.m. Praise Service 90

Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$13,123.50
	Impact Fund	50.00
	VBS Sponsorship	125.00
	Playground Fund	500.00
	Care Ministry Fund	40.00
	Altar Flowers	70.00
	Hunger Fund	293.25
	Helping Hands Fund	50.00
	Renovation Fund	100.00
		<u>\$14,351.75</u>

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00
Budget Needs as of 6/6/10	\$252,149.00
Contributions Received as of 6/6/10	218,940.00
Under Budget for Year	-\$33,209.00

FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

The UMYF is sponsoring a special bulletin insert for Father's Day. Names of fathers, grandfathers or that special person may be placed in the insert for \$1.00.

(Deadline for returning the form is Sunday June 13th.)

In Honor of _____

Or

In Memory of _____

By _____

(Please use a separate form for each name submitted.)

IMPACT COMMUNITY DAY

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make Impact Community Day a success! To God be the glory for His amazing provisions.

775 bags of food were put together for Catawba County residents in need. Over 1,200 Catawba County residents were served with these bags.

Over 240 volunteers participated from Catawba County, and over 50 volunteers were from FUMC Newton! Thanks to FUMC Newton people who volunteered and/or attended the celebration: Paulette Moss, Tammy, Jacob, and Tyler Smith, Alice Averitt, Rene Swink, Steve and Karen Arndt, Bob Saunders, Cole Poovey, Beth Phillips, Chase Boston, Susan Hunsucker, Lisa and Logan Martin, Amy White and Alex and Railey, Regina Copeland, JoAnne Hewins, Fred and Ann Cook and Freddie, Tommy and Christine Lowman, Jerry and Laura DeVos, Wendy and Megan Hildebran, Beth Foss, Millicent Crawford, Peggy Correll, Bob Rights, Becky and Paul Campbell, Tommi Anderson, Lynn and Danny Delancey, Katie Fleming, David, Willis, Elizabeth and Carter Greene, Al, Jackie, and Amy Bandy, Brett, Terra, Alex, and Morgan Butler, Mary and Chloe Killian, Kristi and Haskew and Caroline Smith, and Neel Dennie. Thanks to: Anne Lemons who sorted and organized over 700 items of food donations; Lori Sigmon, Lauren and Megan Sigmon who brought in food donations by giving her time to lead a parents' night out babysitting service--twice; those of you who made monetary donations; Paulette Moss for purchasing food items with the donations; Karen and Steve Arndt for the generous donation of bags of corn meal to our food bags; all of you who loaded, unloaded, and bagged food; Peggy Correll for conducting prayer circles with volunteers; Rev. David Greene for organizing the bags and site locations; all of you who helped to organize parking, register families, and distribute food in the hot sun; to those who helped with the Group Workcamp toothbrush project; Ann Cook and Ruth Rockett for newsletter articles and email reminders; to those who helped with the celebration; and special thanks to 4 His Glory, our esteemed Praise Team, who shared inspiring music with over 175 people who attended the celebration.

What a great congregation at FUMC Newton!

Susan Reinhardt, Missions

RECENT VISITORS:

The Ly Family, Jon Campos, Ernestine Helms, Chris, Ashley Riddle, Zane & Laken, Curtis, Julia, Jordan & James Macemore, Randy Underwood, Ken & Carolyn Underwood, Tracy Wilson & Family, Sean & Karen Icard & Children, Jacob, Eva & Caleb Hollar, Rev Robert & Karen Silber, Steve Campbell, Janet Fields, Mark & Erika Stephens, Beth McRee, Fred & Faye Sigmon, Holly & Mark, Steve Campbell, Janet Fields

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

July 25-July 29

It's a week filled with movement, music and messages! The VBS Planning Team is in the process of recruiting leaders and asks you to consider volunteering at VBS.

For more information please contact VBS Directors, Rhonda Pawlik at 465-5873, Cindy Boger at 294-2538 or the church office at 464-8422.

HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION VOLUNTEER FORM

Please turn in volunteer form to the church office.

Name: _____

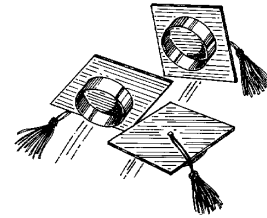
Telephone _____ Email: _____

Yes, I am interested in serving in the following wild ways!

____ STATION LEADER

Please circle one: Games, Crafts, Cinema, Pre-school, Dramas

____ CREW LEADER



2010 GRADUATES HONORED

On Sunday, June 6, our graduates for 2010 and scholarship recipients were recognized during the 11:00 am service. Graduates are:

Sara Copeland, Newton-Conover High School
Cloe Killian, St. Stephen's High School
Christian Underwood, Newton-Conover High School

Scholarship Recipients are:

United Methodist Women's Scholarship

Adam Fincannon, Maiden High School
Kristen Leger, St. Stephen's High School
Jacob Richard, Maiden High School
Christian Underwood, N-C High School

Odum Scholarship

Lauren Hildebran, UNC-Chapel Hill

Ruby Horn Wellborn Scholarship

Laurin Swink, Virginia Tech

YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

****Sunday, June 13th** (CCC Send Off)
 4:00-5:30 PM — All Youth
Sunday, June 20th (Father's Day) — **NO YOUTH**
Sunday, June 27th 1:00 PM — Youth Swimming
Sunday, July 4th — **NO YOUTH**
Sunday, July 11 1:00 PM — Youth Swimming
****Sunday, July 18th** 4:00-5:30 PM — All Youth*
Sunday, July 25th VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 ALL YOUTH HELP

(**Regular youth meetings at the church.) **We need people to sign up to furnish food for these dates.** Give me a call and tell me which date you would like. **Peggy**

YOUTH BOYS' FISHING TRIP

This trip is open to all our guys, and we would love to have the fathers come also. We will meet at the church at 5:30 PM, Friday, June 25. Bring money for dinner, breakfast and bait. Bring snacks and drinks to eat while we fish. We will fish all night or the father's can take their son home early if they want. If you have any question contact Donald Scronce- 828-446-8713.

ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-June 13, 2010*"Pentecost"*

4 Years: **Drama** Grades K-1: **Cookery**
 Grade 2-3: **Music** Grades 4-5: **Art**

Teachers: May 2-June 20, 2010

Storytelling: Caroline Sitzer Art: Susan Reinhardt
 Drama/Games: Lisa Johnson/Gayle Lowder
 Cookery: Cindy Boger/Terra Butler
 Music: Debbie Bandy
 Movie: Rhonda Pawlik Computer: Gina & Scott King
 Science: Michelle White/Amy White

FUMC PLAYGROUND

Mark your calendars for two playground **workdays, 7:00 AM, Saturday, June 26 and July 17.** Our children need your help for a better playground. We set an example when we joyfully help around the church. Our children are watching what we do and will follow our example. We are asking everyone physically capable to commit to at least one if not both Saturdays. The more people we have, the easier it is on everyone, and by working together it helps promote fellowship and growth. The joy we receive watching our smiling children as they play is a great reward because we know we helped place that smile there by giving a few hours of our time to help make the playground a better place for them. Please plan on helping.

Thank you, The Playground Committee