



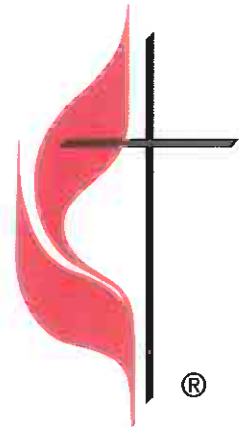
CONOVER
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

January 8, 2019

New Year's Resolutions

For years I have not made any New Year's resolutions, because I feel like such a failure if I don't stick to them ... which I hardly ever did! Robin shared this list with me and I believe this is a list that will help us all to live more grace-filled lives. Take a look at this snippet from the writings of Max Lucado. He writes:

*The number one list is the list I call the **Laws of the Lighthouse**.*

The Laws of the Lighthouse contain more than good ideas, personal preferences, and honest opinions. They are God-given, time-tested truths that define the way you should navigate your life. Observe them and enjoy secure passage. Ignore them and crash against the ragged rocks of reality.

Herewith, then, are the lights I look for and the signals I heed:

- Love God more than you fear hell.
- Make major decisions in a cemetery.
- Succeed at home first.
- Pray twice as much as you fret.
- Only harbor a grudge when God does.
- Treat people like angels; you will meet some and help make some.
- 'Tis wiser to err on the side of generosity than on the side of scrutiny.
- God has forgiven you; you'd be wise to do the same.
- When you can't trace God's hand, trust His heart.
- Toot your own horn and the notes will be flat.
- Don't feel guilty for God's goodness.
- The book of life is lived in chapters; so know your page number.
- Never let the important be the victim of the trivial.
- Live your liturgy.
- Once a week, let a child take you on a walk.
- When no one is watching, live as if someone is.
- Don't spend tomorrow's money today.
- Listen twice as much as you speak.
- Never outgrow your love of sunsets.

To sum it all up: Approach life like a voyage on a schooner. Enjoy the view. Explore the vessel. Make friends with the captain. Fish a little, And then get off when you get home.

From "In The Eye of the Storm", 2006, Max Lucado

PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS



Let Us Pray...

As an ongoing part of our Nurturing Ministry, we are asking all members of our church to pray for six specific families. Each week we will identify a different group of six families as we work our way through our church roll. The families for this week are:

Adam, Melissa, Mackenzie & Tyler Johnson
Ken & Martha Johnson
Nell Johnson
Roy & Martha Johnston
Nickolas Joyner
Corey, Lindsay, Jeb & McCoy Keisler

RECYCLE OLD PUBLICATIONS

Please place your used Upper Room or other Christian books in the container marked "Upper Room" in the hallway behind the Sanctuary to be recycled.

Thank you,
Laurette Rheeder



ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS & AREAS OF SERVICE SHEETS

If you have not done so already, please turn in your completed estimate of giving cards and also your sheet for the area of service or ministry that you would like to volunteer for here at the church. Thank you for your willingness to serve as God leads you.

If you need an estimate of giving card, some are located on the table in the Narthex or you may pick one up in the church office. You may turn them in by giving them to Dr. Gary or by placing them in the offering plate.



IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Jon Rogers at CVMC (At home)
Don Barbersek at Frye Regional (Room 414)
Lucy Rockett at CVMC (At home)

MEMORIALS

Capital Campaign (Shell Property)

In memory of Rocky Hager by:
Ron & Dottie Harris

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
Ron & Dottie Harris

General Fund

In memory of Grace Hefner by:
Nancy Saunders

In memory of Joe Rudisill by:
Alton Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Poovey
Clarence & Joyce Pugh
Cathy Rudisill

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
Keith & Tommie Hall
Dennis & Jo Ellen Knecht
Junior & Anita Deal

Local Missions

In memory of Joe Rudisill by:
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank
Alma Dixon

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank

In memory of Rocky Hager by:
Alma Dixon

Youth Fund

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
Alma Dixon
Barbara Wilcox

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 10** 2-9pm Girl Scouts (CFLC) (Cookie Drive)
- Jan. 11** 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC)
- Jan. 12** 8am-2pm "Hoops" games (CFLC)
- Jan. 15** 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
- Jan. 16** 12pm - Goodtimers' Soup Luncheon (CFLC/Kit.)
- Jan. 16** 6-9pm "Hoops" practices (CFLC)
- Jan. 17** 6:30pm - UMM meeting (CFLC)
- Jan. 19** 8am-2pm "Hoops games (CFLC)
- Jan. 20** 3:30-7:30pm Youth Min. Teams (CFLC/Sanc.GH)
- Jan. 20** 5-6:30pm Youth-in-Training (Gray House)
- Jan. 20** 6pm - MLKJ Community Service (Covenant Ch.)

PASTOR'S QUIZ

The source of Herod's information as to the town where the Christ was to be born was



- a. the wise men
- b. his security police
- c. Micah
- d. Joseph

(The correct answer is on the back of the newsletter.)

DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!

Pauline Parker at Conover Nursing Center
(Room 316);

Rick Parker at Catawba Valley Living at
Rock Barn (Room 107)

Betty Shell at Catawba Valley Living at
Rock Barn (Room 115)

LaVerna Wilson
4801 Edwards Mill Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27612-4417

Grace Whitlock
The Dorchester
12920 Dorman Road
Pineville, NC 28134

Fred Fisher at Harmony Court, (Room 1024)
102 Leonard Avenue, Abernethy Laurels

Don Barbersek, 609 2nd Ave. NW
Conover, NC 28613

Sadie Clark, 227 West 27th St.,
Newton, NC 28658

Dolores Setzer
PO Box 1237

Conover, NC 28613

Ruth White, 522 Edinboro Dr.,
Southern Pines, NC 28387

If you know of any homebound members that need to be on our list, please contact the church office at (828) 464-4635.



Goodtimers'
Luncheon

GOODTIMERS' SOUP LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

AT 12NOON IN THE CFLC

If anyone can provide a pot of soup or a dessert, please contact Eddie Warren at (828) 465-9643.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 6, 2019
Sunday School
157

Worship:	
8:45 am	152
11:00 am	146
Live streaming	15
Total	313

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 15,146.25
(Needed weekly for budget: \$11,404)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	860.00
Children's Bank	114.20
Live Streaming	300.00
Local Missions	240.00
Youth Fund	40.00
Total	\$ 16,700.45

Separate Deposit: \$5,884.00 to the Trustee's Misc. Account from Brotherhood Mutual for damages to awnings.

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GUESTS for Sunday, January 6, 2019

Hank Beck; Lina Bailey; Alex Aguilar; Jean Auton;
 Kent Auton; Axel & Jagger Beatonhead; Larry &
 Donna Hanson; Marvin Lynch; Cathy Hefner; Matt
 Peeler, Darla, Ashtan & Ava; Nancy Cheek; Jack
 Sigmon; Junior & Anita Deal.

By Our Service January 13, 2019

Usher Captains:

8:45 AM Keith Hall
 11:00 AM Adam Johnson

Greeters:

8:45 AM Tommie Hall
 11:00 AM Sue Dwiggin

Acolytes:

8:45 AM Jarrett Rheeder
 11:00 AM Erin Moritz

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Rita Watson
 11:00 AM Kim Connor

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 January, Laurette Rheeder

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are on the front
 pew in the Sanctuary. Please use your envelopes
 to turn in your 2019 contributions. This speeds
 up the entering process and enables me to
 record your offerings accurately.

Please start using your new envelopes.

Thank you,

Robin Mays

Administrative Assistant



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. Micah (Matthew 2:1-8; Micah 5:2)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (apfd@fumcconover.org)
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Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	(828) 464-3423
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Website:	(828) 464-4635-church
Pastor's phone numbers	(704) 787-0598-cell
Pastor's address	2161 Augusta National Drive Denver, NC 28037
Assistant Pastor's phone #	(781) 913-4415 - cell
Assistant Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

Fueling Faith

Youth In Training

A ministry for children in **K-5th grade**.

As of January 20, 2019 we will meet in the Grey House, which is the grey house next to the church. We will meet at 5pm and children will be able to eat a light snack supper before they are dismissed at 6:30pm.

This ministry will not be part of Youth ministry meetings; we will simply share the house.

Contact me at the office 828-464-4635 or apfd@fumconover.org with questions.



PRAY... PRAYER ... PRAYING

If you are interested in spending one hour on a weekday morning dedicated to prayer, please contact me very soon. During this hour we will

- ~ pray together individually and collectively
- ~ explore new forms of prayer
- ~ Establish Prayer Partners.

FIRST MEETING will take place during the week of January 20th at 10:30am.

We will meet in the Parlor (located on the same level as the Sanctuary.)

If you attended the ALPHA course and would like to be part of the follow-up **Prayer Study**, let me know. This could be part of these morning session to kick off the ministry, but it will also be offered at night for those that are working or studying during the day.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Gold. 50th. Half a century.

No matter how you call it, the exciting news is that ECCCM -- established in 1969 -- is 50 years old.

Think about the significance of this milestone. 50 years ago, a group of area pastors met to discuss a common problem of duplicating services provided by another church as a woman came looking for assistance. 50 years later, the prayerful dream of these pastors has matured into an agency that continues to fulfill the carefully crafted mission statement: "To bring together the resources of the Christian community to serve the people in need of crisis assistance, support and education, in response to God's call."

Think about your own church or organization you know. How many programs or ministries have been created -- altruistically -- and still exist 50 years later? It's not that ECCCM is any better or any worse than any other church or program. Rather, the critically important realities are 1) why ECCCM was necessary 2) how ECCCM was created and 3) how ECCCM has continued: God.

First, the original group of pastors in 1969 knew "the poor would always be with us" and sought to serve those in need. Second, they prayerfully sought God's guidance in how to respond to this need. Finally, the founding passage of ECCCM summarized the mission: "Even as you've done it to the least, you've done it to me." The original churches comprised the core of ECCCM's being, serving others in the name of God. Read Matthew 25:34-40.

You are the final important element to ECCCM's future years. ECCCM is your ministry, a mission outreach of your church and our community. The cry of the needy is still with us. ECCCM, in the name of God, is here to answer that cry.

Bob Silber

