



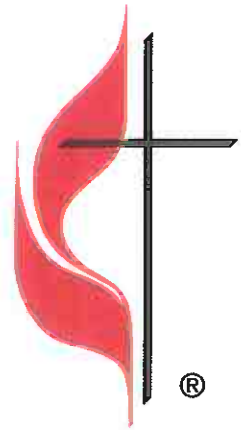
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

January 29, 2019

"HOOPS FOR CHRIST" RECAP!

The gym is quiet and dark. The balls are still. The whistles are silent. Another season of Hoops for Christ basketball has come and gone and what a wonderful season it was.

The '16-'17 season of Hoops for Christ was another successful season on many levels. This past year, we had 114 basketball players and 22 coaches, an increase of 2 in each. As the season progressed, you could see the children getting better and better at basketball. But more importantly they grew closer to Christ.

Each practice, the kids participate in a lesson based on a specific verse. They learned the importance of reading and studying God's word. (Psalm 119:11). They were shown that all things are possible with God (Luke 1:37). They know that things with God are more important than things of this world (Luke 9:25). They understand that Jesus is the way to the Father (John 14:6). They realized how freeing and happy obeying the Word of God can be (Luke 11:28). Finally, they realized that Jesus died for us and how meaningful that truly is (John 3:16).

The kids received a trophy at our banquet. With all the discussion about trophies handed out for participation, there was question about whether to give trophies or not. However, after hearing stories of how much these trophies mean to children who may not otherwise be on a school team and how those kids have them all displayed, the choice became clear. The impact these trophies have on some of these kids is much larger than their size.

Each child also received a devotion. The younger kids received a "Jesus Calling" devotion for children and the older kids received a "For Teens by Teens" devotion. We provided devotions last year as well and the stories that came back made us realize what a great thing to do. Kids were reading their devotions before they left the banquet. The devotional helped one child through a difficult situation.

So, I want to thank you, the church, for helping make this program possible. Those that coached, those that refereed, those that kept score, those that helped with the banquet, those that did halftime devotions... the list goes on and on. Without the support of the church (monetarily, participation, and through prayer), none of this would be possible. Thank you!

Charles Hornick



You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:11

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:

Scott, Andrea, Sady & Chase Little
 Gerald & Sandy Loftin
 Jason & Emily Loftin
 Andrea Long
 Scott & Kelle Love
 Bart & Jackie Lowdermilk; Jessica Crooks

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Joe Rudisill by:
 Betty E. Fulp

In memory of Rocky Hager by:
 Sharpe Bible Class

Local Missions Fund

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
 Bob & Lois Goodson

Music Fund

In memory of Grace Hefner by:
 Sharpe Bible Class

In memory of Rocky Hager by:
 Jimmy & Cindy Clark

Youth Fund

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
 Jim & Jeanette Davis
 Sharpe Bible Class
 The Goodtimers of FUMCC

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
 There are not words enough to express the comfort and support received to me and my family with the passing of Rocky. He loved this church and his church family. Thank you for the wonderful meal prepared by the ladies of the church, the calls, cards and many memorials that have been received. We ask for your continued prayers.

Thank you,
 Barbara Hager and family

ECCCM VOLUNTEER DAY



The church's volunteer day at
 ECCCM is:
 Tuesday, Feb. 5th!

SOUL SISTERS CIRCLE SOUP SALE

The Soul Sisters Circle will be selling their delicious homemade soups on Sunday, February 3 in the Commons area from 9:30 – 11:15 am between worship services and during the Sunday school hour. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PREORDER YOUR SOUPS SO WE CAN GUARANTEE YOU GET YOUR CHOICES! Preordered soups are also available to pick up on Saturday, February 2 from 2 – 4 in the kitchen of the Connor Family Life Center. The soups are \$5 for a pint. There are (3) awesome offerings: Cheesy Potato, Chicken with Wild Rice and Vegetables and Hamburger Taco Soup. You can preorder your soup by calling Rita Deal at (828) 465-7273 and leaving a message or emailing Rita at msdeal@charter.net.

All monies will be used to support our missions. Thank you for your support!

STOCK THOSE FREEZERS!!!



LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

The lunch bunch will meet Wednesday February 13, 11:30 a.m. at Sweet Tater Restaurant in Conover. All ladies of the church are invited to join us.

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 2** 8:00am-2:00pm - Soul Sisters (Kitchen)
Feb. 3 9:30-11:15am Soul Sisters Soup Sale (Common Area - between worship services and during Sunday School)
Feb. 3 Youth - Souper Bowl of Caring - to receive monies for their fundraiser at the end of both services.
Feb. 5 Church's Volunteer Day at ECCCM
Feb. 5 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conf. Room)
Feb. 5 7:00pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
Feb. 7 7:00pm - Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
Feb. 8 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)
Feb. 10 Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 10 3:30pm-6:30pm - Youth Min. Teams (CFLC/Sanc)
Feb. 10 5:00pm-6:30pm - Youth-in-Training (Gray House)



The youth will be collecting money for the Souper Bowl of Caring February 3rd at the close of both services.

Thanks,
Angela Garrison

ATTENTION!!!

YOUTH MEETINGS

February 10, 24

March 10, 24, 31

April 7 (if needed; ministry teams only)

May 5



PASTOR'S QUIZ

John The Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, wore a garment of



- goatskin
- camel's hair
- papyrus
- wool

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer Shawls will be available for pick up in the Parlor on Sundays from 8:30am until Noon.

Please feel free to take one for your loved one or friend.

If you need one during the week, call the church office at (828) 464-4635 or Mary Ann Simpson at (828) 244-5524.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The Prayer Shawl Stitchers will meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday, February 5th at 1:00pm.

If you like to knit or crochet, COME JOIN US!!!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 27, 2019
Sunday School
150

Worship:	
8:45 am	135
11:00 am	148
Live streaming	13
Total	296

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,478.90
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	265.00
Children's Bank	15.25
Local Missions	50.00
Music Fund	50.00
Youth Fund	175.00
Total	\$ 12,034.15

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GUESTS for Sunday, January 27, 2019

Jack Sigmon; Kalen Bolick; Kathy, Samantha & Christian Leonard; Baker Phillips; Nancy Long; Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Hank Beck; James Zehmer; Jessica & Colton McGinnis; Axel & Jagger Beatenhead; Bob Tannehill; Junior & Anita Deal; Larry & Donna Hanson.

By Our Service February 3, 2019

Usher Captains:

8:45 AM Pat Woods
 11:00 AM Gerald Loftin

Greeters:

8:45 AM Alice Woods
 11:00 AM Sandy Loftin

Acolytes:

8:45 AM Mack Little
 11:00 AM Holly Hentschel

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Kim Thornburg
 11:00 AM Jo Ellen Knecht

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 February, Laurette Rheeder

PECANS FOR PRESCHOOL

The FUMCC Preschool is still selling Priestler's Pecans as a fundraising event. The holidays are over but you still have to eat!!! If you would like to purchase pecans please call Ginger Doub at (828) 446-2560.

1 lb. bags Pecan Halves \$14.00

1 lb. bags Pecan Pieces \$12.00

Please remember that this is a fundraiser for our preschool program to help meet classroom and children's needs.

Thank you!



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. camel's hair (*Matthew 3:1, 4*)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (apfd@fumconover.org)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.org)
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@fumconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	(828) 464-3423
Facsimile	www.fumconover.org
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

MEETING DATES for YOUTH IN TRAINING

February 10 and 24 & March 10, 24 & 31

5:00—6:30pm in the Gray House

HELP WANTED

VBS will be here quicker than we know it. If you are interested to see how you can contribute to this ministry or ready to help again please let me know. There is much to do to tame this lion. The position of Director is still vacant. If you are willing

to lead just one particular aspect of VBS I really would like to hear from you too. We can divide and conquer to make this another great VBS.



PRAYER Meeting

Tuesdays from 10:30—11:30 am

COME JOIN US as we gather to learn about, and practice being in prayer.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS ...

time for children birth through 5th grade to feel special during both our worship services.

If your toddler or child is hesitant to join us in the front, please come down with them. This way we allow them to see other children their own age and size and help them to get comfortable in their church-skins. Making it a time of wonder will more likely than not peak their curiosity and make them want to come down. We will not "frown upon" any parent or grandparent that ends up in the front by themselves. I can guarantee when your little one sees you survived and you are returning to your seat unharmed, they might consider joining us the next time.

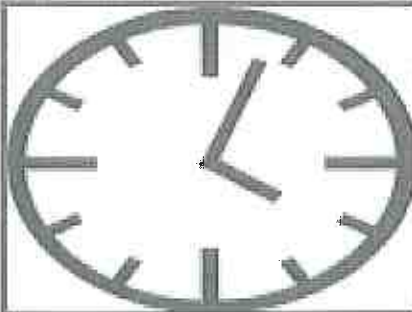
If you are interested in being on the regular rotation, or maybe once a year for now, to host this special time with the children, please reach out to me. We need you!

Pastor Charmaine

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

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: apfd@fumconover.org / Text : (781) 913-4415





**First United Methodist Church, Conover
Youth Ministry 2018-2019**

God is with us
24/7 - Deut. 31:6

**High School Retreat to Ridge Haven Retreat
Center In Brevard, NC – Feb 15-17**

Registration: Parents need to setup an account with Ridge Haven and then register the youth as a camper. Please see email Mary Hornick sent. If you have questions, please let us know.

Packing list and departure time will be sent in email.

If you haven't paid, the cost is \$80 to FUMCC Youth. Scholarships are available upon request to Charles or Mary Homick

Calendar Watch

Sunday, Feb 3 –
Souper Bowl of
Caring
Sunday, Feb 10 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams
Sunday, Feb 15 -17 –
High School Ridge
Haven Retreat
Sunday, Feb 24 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

**Souper Bowl of Caring – February 3rd after
each service**

What do I do? Hold a pot, Smile, Say "Thank you!"
1st Service – Meet the Garrisons in the back of the sanctuary during the final song.
2nd Service – Meet the Briggs in the back of the sanctuary during the final Hymn.

**Leap of Faith
Summer Mission
Trip**

Plymouth UMC to
assist the coast of NC
through Cross
Ministries

**Save the date:
Week of June 23!**

**Youth Meeting
February 10th at 5pm**

Very excited for our next youth meeting in the Gray House. We will be starting a series on Being Anxious for Nothing. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Dates to Remember:

30 hour Famine – April 12-13
Middle School IgniteUs – May 3-5
Spring Youth Sunday – May 19
Graduate Sunday – June 2



For more information about the Youth Ministry at FUMCC, please contact Charles Homick (828-381-7231 / charles_h71@charter.net) or Mary Homick (828-381-7233 / maryhomick1974@gmail.com)

February 2019

February 2019							March 2019						
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24	25	26	27	28			31						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2
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Jan 27 - Feb 2

Feb 3 - 9

Feb 10 - 16

Feb 17 - 23

Feb 24 - Mar 2

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Christine Van Rooyen Michael Van Rooyen	6	7	8 Cheryl Hedrick	9 Elaine Biles Taylor Rockett Hannah Whismant
10	11 Gerald Loflin Anne Spencer	12 Matthew Hornick	13	14 Melissa Fisher	15	16 Lisa Hernandez Brad Little
17 Holly Hentschel Karen Martin Samantha Rockett	18 John Sherbert	19 Grace Beatty Jack Hoke	20 Peggy Currie	21 Doug Rockett	22 Finley Cloninger Tyler Johnson	23 Diane Howard Mack Little
24	25 Kelly Matthews	26 Kaitlin Hornick	27 Kathy Martin	28 Donna Rudisill		

Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Linville & Betty Couch Jim & Andrea Curatolo	5	6	7	8	9 Scott & Michelle Gilleland
10	11	12 Rodney & Darlene Burgess	13	14 Fred & Betty Fisher	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Eric & Kim Connor	28		