



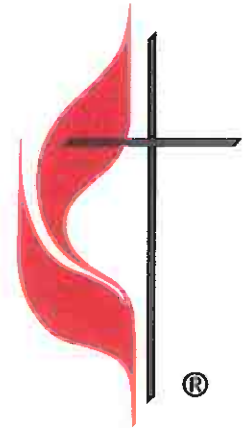
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

February 5, 2019

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Where we were. The 2018 church calendar year has just ended making this an opportune time to update the congregation on the church's three year capital campaign for purchase of the adjoining Shell property in June 2017. It has now been 18 months since the Church purchased the property. Prior to the purchase, we had a very successful capital campaign that generated \$330,603 of campaign pledges in order to purchase the property for \$275,000 plus cover anticipated loan interest, closing costs and miscellaneous expenses for repairs, renovation or demolition of the house.

Where we are. As of January 24, 2019, we have collected \$237,540 including \$24,240 of unpledged contributions. Currently, there is \$124,163 of remaining uncollected pledges of which \$18,175 appear questionable for various reasons. This leaves \$105,988 in pledges likely to be collected if needed.

Of the \$237,540 collected-to-date, \$214,900 has been applied to the \$275,000 purchase price leaving a current loan balance of **\$60,100**. \$12,059 has been paid for interest and miscellaneous expenses and \$10,581 remains in the bank account for upcoming principle, interest and miscellaneous expenses.

What is next? There still has been no final decision made regarding usage of the "Shell" house or its demolition. The detached garage is currently being used for storage of items for the homeless and those in need.

It is anticipated that the remaining loan balance will be repaid in full within the next 6-12 months, if not sooner. Therefore, a final decision will soon be required regarding demolition or renovation of the "Shell" house in order to determine how long we continue to collect campaign pledges and at what point we terminate the campaign and cease collecting pledges. Also factoring in the decision is the fact that the gray "youth" house currently needs some repairs and will require a new roof in the not so distant future.

Once the desired course of action is determined and as cost estimates are obtained, an evaluation will be made to determine if the remaining uncollected pledges and available funds will be sufficient to pay-off the remaining bank debt plus fund the projected costs. If not, the recommendation will be modified to reduce the cost or additional pledges can be solicited subject to church approval.

As always, I continue to be amazed at the spiritual and financial commitment of our congregation to seek and discern God's will in all that we strive to do. Please continue to pray that God's will be revealed to us as we take this next step in our church's journey!

God has truly blessed us in so many ways!

Sincerely, Bob Goodson ("Shell Property" Visionary Committee Member)

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:

Larry, Pam & Bryson Lowdermilk
Leah Lowdermilk
Scott & Rebekah Mackinnon
Dave, Cheryl & Bradley Markland
Karen Martin
Tony & Kathy Martin

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 1052)
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.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Trenia Monk at CVMC

MEMORIALS

Youth Fund

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
Jimmy & Cindy Clark



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Doug & Samantha Rockett on the birth of their new baby girl, Reese Abigail Rockett, born Friday, January 18th. Reese Abigail weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Dan & Kathy Rockett.

"THANK YOU" FROM THE SOUL SISTERS' CIRCLE

Soul Sisters Circle wants to thank everyone for their help in making this year's sale the best one ever. We will be able to spread lots of mission love this year! We have 5 pints of Chicken with Wild Rice and Vegetables and 8 pints of Cheesy Potato in the freezer for sale at \$5 per pint. If interested, please call Rita Deal at (828) 465-7273.



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. 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)
Feb. 12 10:30am - Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
Feb. 12 7:00pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
Feb. 13 11:30am - Lunch Bunch - Sweet Tator
Feb. 14 9:30am-1pm - Conover School Valentine Dance
 (CFLC - Gerald Loftin to MC)
Feb. 15-17 Both Vans - High School Youth - Retreat
Feb. 19 10:30am - Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
Feb. 19 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
Feb. 20 Van 2 - Goodtimers' trip (TBA)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We are currently in need of a teachers assistant to help in the Kindergarten, 1st grade classroom. This individual would assist Melissa Johnson (teacher) every other Sunday. We currently have 3 regular students in that class. Laurette Rheeder is stepping down from this position. Melissa Punch and Kim Hentschel have currently been rotating Sundays with Melissa Johnson and Laurette Rheeder. Will you prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help with this most important need in our Sunday school? If you wish to volunteer, please contact Julie Patterson at (828) 310-4553.

Teacher
Needed!



ATTENTION!!! YOUTH MEETINGS

February 10, 24

March 10, 24, 31

April 7 (if needed; ministry teams only)

May 5



PASTOR'S QUIZ

When Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John, John was



- overly persuasive
- ready
- reluctant
- despondent

(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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING - FEB. 24TH @
2:00PM IN THE CROSSROADS
CLASSROOM

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 3, 2019
Sunday School
130

Worship:	
8:45 am	130
11:00 am	134
Scouts	10
Live streaming	16
Total	290

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 14,355.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	625.00
Children's Bank	141.57
"Hoops for Christ"	110.00
Livestreaming	500.00
Miracle Mom's Ministry	100.00
Youth Fund	25.00
Total	\$ 15,856.57

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GUESTS for Sunday, February 3, 2019

Trey, Jessica & Colton McGinnis; Larry & Donna Hanson; Junior & Anita Deal; Samantha, Kathy & Christian Leonard; Faith Roberts; Ashley & Abigail McAdams; Jean Auton; Jodie Auton; LaDonna Auton Boyer; Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Mike & Greta Indinig; Don Lingerfelt; Ted Pawhowse.

By Our Service February 10, 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 Boy Scouts
 11:00 AM Boy Scouts

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Amy Hawn
 11:00 AM Kim Connor

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:

c. reluctant (Matthew 3:13-14)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumccconover.org)
Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (apfd@fumccconover.org)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumccconover.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@fumccconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	(828) 464-3423
Facsimile	www.fumccconover.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 5:00—6:30pm
February 10 and 24 & March 10, 24 & 31



VBS: July 21 - 25

HELP WANTED

There is so much to do to “tame this lion”. God has provided a Director!!
We still need individual leaders for the following stations:

Hungry Herd Café: Follow step-by-step suggestions for snacks or put together your own snack menu.

Imagination Station: Creative activities to reinforce the daily message.

Stampede Sports: Can you say FUN?

KidVid Cinema: Host mini-documentaries that introduce real life people. Gift, Honest, Roleen, Fortune and Ruth.

Wild Bible Adventures: Ready to host Interactive stories and a trek through the parted' Red Sea? Then this is the Station for you!

Creating the African Plain: If you are ready to be part of an energetic team, reach out to Anthony Price to sign up.

Preschool Crew leaders: Preschooler will be going on safari in their very own safe space.

And this is just the beginning. Come “walk on the wild side” with us! Let us know how we can help you to be part of this important and fun ministry. **ROAR!!!!**

PRAYER Meeting

COME JOIN US in the parlor (upstairs) as we gather Tuesdays. 10:30—11:30 am

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

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**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: If you haven't registered with Ridge Haven, 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 Hornick

Calendar Watch

Sunday, Feb 10 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

Sunday, Feb 15 -17 –
High School Ridge
Haven Retreat

Sunday, Feb 24 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

**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.

**Leap of Faith
Summer Mission
Trip**

Plymouth UMC to
assist the coast of NC
through Cross
Ministries

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

Ministry Teams:

Praise Team: 3:30pm (Sanctuary)

Dance Team: 4:15pm (CFLC)

Youth Meeting: 5pm (Gray House)

Snack Supper: 6pm (Gray House)

Drama Team: 6:30 - 7:15pm (CFLC)

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 Hornick (828-381-7231 / charles_h71@charter.net) or Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)