



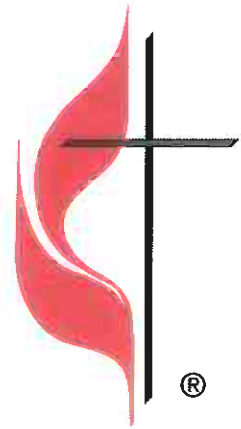
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

February 12, 2019

**Leap of Faith
Summer Mission Trip**
Church-wide, Multi-Age Mission Trip
to Plymouth, NC
June 23-29, 2019

It seems like when environmental disasters strike our country, our hearts are immediately heavy with the suffering of life, home, and possessions. So many people have to start over, for they lose everything. Ever wonder if....if I could do something to help? We have a perfect way for you to do that. Read on...you are being asked to join and serve on a mission team within our church family.

After participating in service missions in Charleston and Chattanooga for several summers now, our youth decided to "take it up a notch" and put their hands and feet to use in a different way. They asked for a building team opportunity. Time was spent in search of something in which they could help others, build their own life skills, and honor God with their time.

And we have found one in our own state of North Carolina through Cross Ministries in association with a dying Methodist church in Plymouth, NC. Watching their congregation dwindle over the years, this church took their own "leap of faith" and recreated themselves into a mission hub for the eastern part of our state.

So a call for action, service, and participation is being given. Come join us! Come help us help others. For more information or a definite commitment, our next meeting will be **Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 6:00** in the CFLC before the Disciple Class.

Sandy Baucom

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:

Mary & Brody Mason
 Evan, Sydney & Elijah Matson
 Mike, Kelly, Laci & Haley Matthews
 Richard & Revonda Matthews
 Robert Matthews
 Eva, Alexis & Tristan Mays



Our thoughts and prayers are with Pilar Tobar, our Nursery Director, on the loss of her brother-in-law, Jorge Toro who died last Monday, February 4th.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mary Jean Hollar at Charlotte (At home)
 Trena Monk at CVMC (at home)
 Trevor Monk at CVMC (at home)

MEMORIAL General Fund

In memory of Grace Hefner by:
 Steve & Jeannie Brackett

"THANK YOU"

I would like to thank those in my church family for being so kind to me during my recent surgery. Thank you for the food, cards, and visits and a special thank you to Pastor Charmaine who braved the cold and rain to meet us at 6:30am at the hospital! God Bless All of You!

Lucy Rockett

**GOODTIMERS - "ART CRAWL" TO
 ALEX. CO./HIDDENITE WED. FEB. 20
 LUNCH AT YELLOW DELI!
 WILL LEAVE CHURCH AT 9AM!**

"THANK YOU"

Church members,
 On behalf of The Corner Table, we want to thank you for your continuous support of our mission. We cannot feed the hungry men, women and children throughout our community without monetary support. We certainly appreciate your kindness and generosity.
 The Corner Table

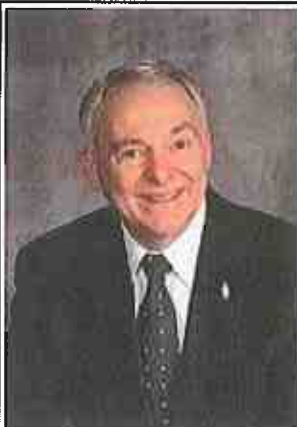
"THANK YOU"

Dear Pastor Gary, Pastor Charmaine, and the members of Conover First United.
 Thank you so much for your hospitality and generous support of our ministry. We so appreciate and were encouraged by your expression of God's love to us when we visited this past month. Thank you for serving us in this way — you are a blessing! With joy,
 John & Deralyn Steigerwald and the NCBA family

NEEDED!!!

We are looking for a volunteer to help in the Nursery at the 11am service on Sunday, March 3, 2019. If you are available and can help in this ministry, please contact Laurette Rheeder or call the church office at (828) 464-4635.

Thank you.



GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE APPALACHIAN & CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICTS SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 3 PM

ST. LUKE'S (HICKORY)

Bishop Paul Leeland will be presenting updates regarding the 2019 Special Session General Conference and what it means for the WNCC, in the weeks following the event.

He will be visiting the Catawba Valley District and the Appalachian District at a joint gathering on Sunday, March 31, at 3pm at St. Luke's UMC (52 16th Avenue NW, Hickory, NC). Please join us at that time in welcoming Bishop Leeland.

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 - 9am - Goodtimers - "Art Crawl" Alex. Co.
- Feb. 21** 6:30pm UMM Meeting - Safe Sanc.(Sanctuary)
- Feb. 22** 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC)
- Feb. 24** 2pm - Worship Committee Meeting (Crossroads)
- Feb. 24** 3pm - SPRC Meeting (Conference room)
- Feb. 24** 3:30-6:30pm Youth Min.Teams/Mtgs (CFLC/GH)
- Feb. 24** 5-6:30pm Youth-in-Training (Gray House)
- Feb. 26** 10:30am - Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
- Feb. 26** 6pm - Mission Trip Information Mtg. (CFLC)
- Feb. 26** 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)

PASTOR'S QUIZ

Upon Jesus' baptism, when the voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved son," the Spirit of God descended like



- a. an eagle
- b. a cloud
- c. a dove
- d. a pillar of fire

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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

September 23 – October 2

If you did not get a chance to attend the informational meeting for our Holy Land trip this September and are interested in going, please let Pastor Gary know.

There are a few more available seats left for this life changing experience. We will take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, have a baptismal service at the Jordan River, take Holy Communion at the empty tomb, walk the way of the cross, pray at the Garden of Gethsemane, take a gondola ride to the top of Masada, have a swim in the Dead Sea and much, much more. I have brochures outlining the complete itinerary with all of the details.

Please let me know if you are interested and I will give you a personal conversation about the trip and answer any questions you may have. It is open to anyone who wishes to go. Travel with me and you will never be the same!!

Dr. Gary



NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

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.

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

ATTENTION!!! YOUTH MEETINGS

February 24; March 10, 24, 31

April 7 (if needed; ministry teams only)

May 5



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 10, 2019
Sunday School
134

Worship:	
8:45 am	157
11:00 am	125
Live streaming	16
Total	298

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,256.25
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	490.00
Corner Table (Souper Bowl of Caring)	668.23
Livestreaming	500.00
Miracle Mom's Ministry	500.00
Total	\$ 13,414.48

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GUESTS for Sunday, February 10, 2019

Don Lingerfelt; Bill Reed; Wesley & Brandie Tucker; Junior & Anita Deal; Greta Indinig; Bob Tannehill; Haley Beech; Larry & Donna Hanson; Christel Murray; James Zehmer; Jean Auton; Jodie Auton; Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Keith & Susan Tucker; Kalen Bolick; Talan Chapman.

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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. a dove (Matthew 3:16-17)

By Our Service February 17, 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 Haley Matthews
 11:00 AM Bradley Markland

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Michele Moritz
 11:00 AM Ginger Doub

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for February, Laurette Rheeder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
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Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
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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 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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2/7/2019

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Thank you for your donation of 20 pounds of food during the month of January to the ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry!

Your regular gifts are especially important to families in financial crisis. Families like "Mary's" who initially came to ECCCM for help with her bills. She did receive assistance with those, but more importantly, she spent the next months working with her case manager, and attending the Crisis Assistance Coaching Program classes that are required for clients receiving crisis financial assistance. She learned budgeting skills – something she never even considered in the past. She began tracking every penny spent. She reduced her expenses as much as possible. She had someone to confide in, to be supported by. Her confidence grew. Her knowledge grew. She developed a relationship with and trusted her ECCCM Case Worker.

Slowly, things began to turn around for Mary. Because of her budgeting work, and tracking her spending more closely, she began to challenge herself to save \$5 per week. Soon she had \$50 saved. Suddenly she felt confident and accountable to herself. Mary is now able to care for her family again.

Thank you for partnering with us to provide nutritious food to those who hunger, strengthening the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert Silber
Executive Director



Federal income tax law requires us to inform you that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your gift. Therefore, within the limits prescribed by law, the full amount of your gift is deductible for Federal income tax purposes. The Federal Tax ID number for the organization name is 56-0946753.



**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**

We are registered and ready to go. It is going to be a great trip.

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

Departure time: 5pm sharp. Packing list see email.

Chaperones: Mary Hornick, Charles Hornick, Ryan Garrison, Jeff Sierzenga, & Melissa Punch

Sunday, Feb 24 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

**Youth Meeting
February 24th at 5pm**

Our next youth meeting in the Gray House. Continuing the series Being Anxious for Nothing.

Sunday, Mar 10 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

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 - 7:30pm (CFLC)

**Leap of Faith
Summer Mission
Trip**

Meeting in CFLC on
2/26 at 6pm

Souper Bowl of Caring

We collected \$668.23 that will go to the Corner Table. A big thank you to our church family for their generosity!

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

Dates to Remember:

30 hour Famine – April 12-13
Middle School IgniteUs – May 3-5
Spring Youth Sunday – May 19
Graduate Sunday – June 2
SpittitUs - Aug 9-11



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)



Greater Hickory
Cooperative Christian Ministry (GHCCM)
1ST ANNUAL

PICKLEBALL Tournament



DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16
10:30AM - 5:30PM

HIGHLAND RECREATION CENTER
1451 8th St. Dr. NE Hickory, NC 28601

Fun Community Day with Proceeds going to support our Neighbors in Need

Pre-registration is required and begins on January 24

Online registration: WWW.CCMHICKORY.ORG/EVENTS

Or by calling 828-323-7900 OR EMAIL: KHWOOD@CCMHICKORY.ORG

ARRIVAL & WARMS-UP: 10:00AM
GAMES START AT 10:30AM



REGISTRATION FEE:
\$40 PER TEAM

Register early - space is limited to 24 teams! Players receive a t-shirt, drink, and snack!