



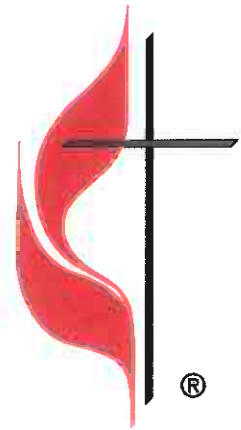
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

February 19, 2019

YOUTH NEWS!!!

What a blessed time we spent with the youth at Ridge Haven Winter Retreat in Brevard, NC. We (Ryan Garrison, Jeff Sierzenga, Melissa Punch, Charles Hornick and Mary Hornick) learned so much from our youth (McKenzie Morrow, Kaitlin Hornick, Parker Garrison, Spencer Brackett, Mac Little, Michael Harris, Jessie Crooks, Mackenzie Johnson, Ashley Sierzenga, Ava Hamlett, Grace Ann Beatty, Addison Punch, Erin Moritz and Matthew Hornick). We were worried that the weather would not allow us to enjoy the outdoor activities but God provided warm sunny weather for us all day Saturday. We played team sports and team building exercises that helped our group to trust in each other and realize their own potential.

Charles located the best devotions for us during our youth sessions. We discussed the pressures we have in our lives and the importance of being able to say "No" so we can put God first in our lives. We saw a short video and followed it with a discussion on various pressures we may feel from family, church, and school. This was the perfect devotion for our group because several of our youth shared how they had to say "No" to sports or personal time to join us for the retreat. They chose to spend time with God and developing a closer bond with one another. What a special group of youth we have in our church.

The youth want to thank the church for its continued support to "build them up and send them out" into the world to learn and grow spiritually. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church that cares and supports the youth and its missions. Please consider being a part of the summer mission trip to Plymouth, NC. This is a great opportunity to help build our youth as it is being of service to those who have suffered a disaster and need a helping hand to get their lives back on track.

Thank you!

Mary Hornick



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:

Jeff Mays
Robin & Windy Mays
Connie, Chris, & Thomas McCoy
Kim McDuffie, Kevin McDuffie
Brandon, Anna, Brianna & Maxwell Miller
Jennifer & Todd Miller

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

None

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Joe Rudisill by:
Keith & Jennifer Inman and Olivia & Sophie Inman

In memory of Rocky Hager by:
Paeg Abernathy

THANK YOU

A special "Thank You" to our church family for all your thoughts and prayers during my difficult road to hip replacement surgery and recovery!! Many thanks to our Sharpe Sunday school class for all the cards, calls, food and great good wishes!!! Also, thank you Pastor Royals for being with me at the hospital before my surgery!!

You all mean so much to us!!
Thanks again!!

Trenia & Harry Monk

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

FEB. 23 - FEB. 26



NURSERY VOLUNTEER 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.

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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)
Feb. 28	6-8:30pm - Scouts' Camp Card Sell (CFLC)
Mar. 5	10:30am - Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
Mar. 5	1pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference room)
Mar. 5	3pm - Upper Room Bible Study (Clark room)
Mar. 5	5:30pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake (CFLC/Kit)
Mar. 5	7pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
Mar. 6	6pm - Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Mar. 7	7pm - Scout Roundtable (CFLC)

PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus was then led up into the wilderness by



- the Spirit of God
- the devil
- John the Baptist
- no one

(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



Teacher Needed!

NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER



We are currently in need of a teacher's 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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 17, 2019
Sunday School
138

Worship:	
8:45 am	122
11:00 am	142
Live streaming	23
Youth Retreat	19
Total	306

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,405.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	35.00
Children's Bank	26.37
Youth Fund	500.00
Total	\$ 11,966.37

ATTENTION!!! YOUTH MEETINGS

February 24; March 10, 24, 31

April 7 (if needed; ministry teams only)

May 5



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GUESTS for Sunday, February 17, 2019

Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker;
 Jeanne Good; Keith & Susan Tucker, Nick & Ryan;
 James Zehmer; Hank Beck; Joanie & Heather
 Taliaferro; Reed, Michelle, Caroline & Kate Long;
 Richard Butler; Kathy, Christian & Samantha
 Leonard; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Haley Beech;
 Mike & Greta Indinig; Jack Sigmon; Emily & Finley
 Abernathy; Bill Reed; Jackie Sigmon; Junior &
 Anita Deal; Megan Tibbs.

By Our Service February 24, 2019

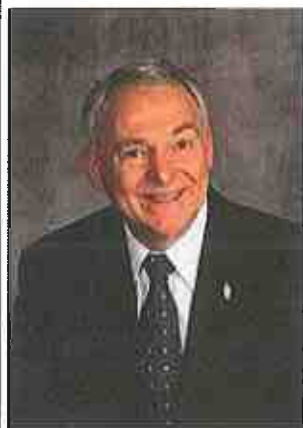
Usher Captains:
 8:45 AM Pat Woods
 11:00 AM Gerald Loftin

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

Acolytes:
 8:45 AM Jacob Sierzenga
 11:00 AM Addison Punch

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Virginia Thornburg
 11:00 AM Jenene Nellenbach

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 February, Laurette Rheeder



**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.

CHURCH STAFF

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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. The Spirit of God (*Matthew 4:1*)

Fueling Faith

PRAYER

Tuesdays from 10:30—11:30 am

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

If you have a prayer request you may -

- ♦ Drop a prayer card in the offering plate
- ♦ Contact Charmaine at apfd@fumconover.org or 828-464-4635.

We would love to pray for you.



MEETING DATES for YOUTH IN TRAINING

February 24 & March 10, 24 & 31

5:00—6:30pm in the Gray House

REVIEW

- 5-12-5-5-12
- God Expects Love Not Discord
 - A Judge Judging a Woman
- 2 men on Donkeys reading newspapers
- What man is taller than Knee-High-Mya & who else?

NEXT TIME

- Books of Poetry
- Major Prophets

Then we have only the Minor Prophets and we will know the Books of the Old Testament!!

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Please remember to hold those attending and voting at General Conference in your prayers.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

March

6th Ash Wednesday

April

13th Easter4Kids

17th Passover Seder

18th & 19th Easter Prayer Walk

May

2nd National Day of Prayer

NEW MEMBERS OF FUMCC SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018



**Pictured Left to Right:
Donna Rudisill
Mary Rudisill
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(828) 241-3498 - Mary
derudisill@gmail.com**

Joe Rudisill - Deceased December 13, 2018

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