



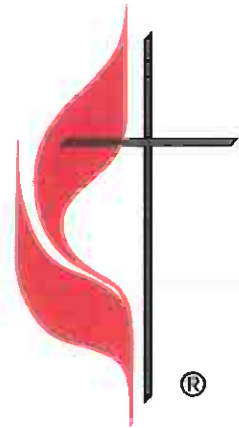
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

February 26, 2019

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday Service-----Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 PM

This will be a brief but powerful service as we enter the 40 day period of Lent. This will include music, a message and the imposition of ashes.

Easter Cantata-----Sunday, April 7 at 8:45 & 11:00 AM

The chancel choir will present the cantata "One Day."

Easter4Kids-----Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon at our church.

This is an Easter celebration for children and families.

Palm Sunday-----Sunday, April 14 at 8:45 and 11:00 services

Our hand bell choir will play at both services and Pastor. Gary's sermon will be titled "A Tale of Two Gardens"

Holy Week Service-----Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 PM

Murray Tilles will be with us to lead us through the "Jesus in the Passover" service. This will be a service of participation with Holy Communion.

"Journey to Jerusalem" Prayer Walk----- Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 19th from 6-8pm

Join us as we "Journey to Jerusalem" and stop at different stations to reflect on the path that Jesus took in His final hours. The "Walk" will be the same on both dates. If you can't come on the 18th, come on the 19th.

Community Easter Sunrise Service-----Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 AM at the

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ in Conover. Several of our churches gather together and participate in a special Service of Resurrection.

Easter Sunday-----Sunday, April 21...8:45 and 11:00 services

We will relive and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with singing, special music, decorating the cross and a special message entitled "The God Whose Shoes Don't Match."

Dr. Gary

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:

Julie, Chris, & Alli Miller; Morgan & Hunter Williams
Angie & Trevor Monk
Greg Monk
Harry & Trenia Monk
Stephen & Kathryn Monroe
Johnny & Denise Moose

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 honor of Ruth White's 100th birthday by:
Lee & Martha Johnson

Preschool Fund

In memory of Rita Bruner by:
Alma Dixon

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Mary Rudisill
706 Flint Court NW
Conover, NC 28613

Barbara Stines
402 3rd Street NW
Conover, NC 28613



ECCCM 2019 **VOLUNTEER** **SCHEDULE FOR MARCH**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Thank you so much for volunteering with us in January. FUMCC worked a total of 225.25 hours with 6 volunteers. We look forward to working with you again!



LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH
WILL MEET
AT O'CHARLEY'S
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH
AT
11:00AM

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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)



150th Birthday

March 23, 2019, the United Methodist Women (UMW) organization will celebrate 150 years of missions related to women, children, and youth in the United States and around the world.

Members of the UMW unit of First United Methodist Church of Conover will be celebrating this milestone Saturday, March 23, by having a Rock-A-Thon/Walk-A-Thon. All money raised will be used to support the missions and ministries of the UMW organization.

If you feel led to support us in this endeavor, the following UMW members will be accepting sponsorships/donations for this event. Checks can be made to "WNCC UMW". Thank you.

Marge Adams, Alma Dixon, Carol Dickinson, Jeanette Stewart, Virginia Thornburg, Sandra Loftin, Tommi Anderson, Martha Johnson, Ken Johnson, Vata Shook, and Lois Goodson

ECCCM "MARCH MADNESS"

ECCCM is introducing a new area-wide food drive called the "March Madness Food Drive." The concept is simple: passionate sports fans, and their churches, contribute in the name of their favorite college sports team. The sports team that generates the highest value of food donations is deemed the winner.

Our church will participate in this challenge. There will be four containers, one for UNC, one for Duke, one for NC State, and one for all other teams located in the hallway leading to the CFLC. Place your food donations in your "favorite" container. If you donate to the "other team" box, place a piece of paper naming which team this donation is supporting. Each lb donated will be given a value of \$1, therefore if you want to donate a monetary donation, make the check out to ECCCM and list the team that you are supporting on the "For" line. Each dollar donated will then be added to this team total contribution! Now, don't forget about Commandment #11 - thou shall not move any food donation from one container to your favorite container!

Any questions, contact Eddie Warren!



PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus' utterance, that "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone," was occasioned by the devil's



- a. assertion to the contrary
- b. suggestion that Jesus turn stones to bread
- c. offer of bread to Jesus
- d. threat to deprive Israel of food

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

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.

ATTENTION!!! YOUTH MEETINGS

March 10, 24, 31

April 7 (if needed: ministry teams only)

May 5



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 24, 2019
Sunday School
138

Worship:	
8:45 am	136
11:00 am	148
Members visiting other UMC	2
Live streaming	12
Total	298

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,370.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	1,325.00
Open Door Homeless Ministry	75.00
Preschool Fund	25.00
Total	\$ 12,795.00

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GUESTS for Sunday, February 24, 2019

Wesley & Brandie Tucker; Jean Auton; Robin Dagenhardt; Kalen Bolick; Jack M. Sigmon; Haley Beech; Jonathan Hodge; Phyllis Brown; Hank Beck; Lina Bailey; Alex Aguilar; James Zehmer; Joanie & Heather Taliaferro; Jeanne & Randy Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Jeannie Houston; Judy Rayburn-Young; Nora Duggan; Colton McGinnis; Larry & Donna Hanson; Bob & Linda Kerr; Mike & Greta Indinig; Lori Hodge; Richard Butler.

By Our Service March 3, 2019

Usher Captains:

8:45 AM Scott Love
 11:00 AM Ron Harris

Greeters:

8:45 AM Kelle Love
 11:00 AM Dottie Harris

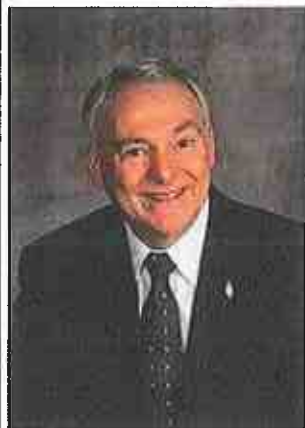
Acolytes:

8:45 AM Drew Fisher
 11:00 AM Mackenzie Johnson

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Marsha Williams
 11:00 AM Laurette Rheeder

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for March, 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@fumconover.org)
Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaigne Van Rooyen (apfd@fumconover.org)
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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
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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:

b. suggestion that Jesus
 turn stones to bread (*Matthew 4:3-4*)

MORE NEWS TO USE



Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30pm**. We will have our annual Pancake Supper in the CFLC. Traditionally, this is a time to get rid of all the sweets and fatty foods and make preparation for Ash Wednesday.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00pm

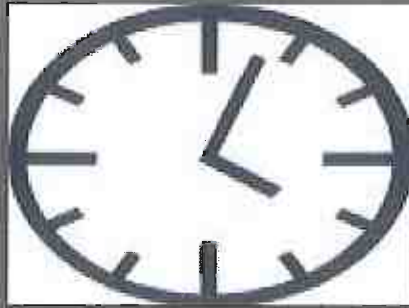
This short service will usher us into the season of Lent.....the 40 day period preceding Easter. At this service we will sing, confess our sins, hear a short meditation on the meaning and significance of Ash Wednesday and have ashes imposed on our foreheads. By doing this, we join millions of Christians around the world in an ancient ceremony as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten journey which leads to Golgotha.

"JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM" PRAYER WALK

**April 18 & 19
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join us on a "Journey to Jerusalem" Prayer Walk Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 19th. We will stop at different stations as we reflect on the path that Jesus took in His final hours. This is not a two day event. It will repeat on the second day if you are unable to make the first day. The "Walk" will start in the classrooms of the Connor Family Life Center.





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

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

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

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

Calendar Watch
Tuesday, Feb 26 –
Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, Mar 10 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

Sunday, Mar 24
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 - 7:15pm (CFLC)

**IgniteUs for Middle School Youth
May 3-5**

What: IgniteUs is a retreat just for our middle school youth
Where: Camp Hanes in King, NC
Cost: \$85 (scholarships available, see Charles or Mary)
Please let Charles or Mary know asap if you wish to attend.

**Leap of Faith
Summer Mission
Trip**

Informational Meeting
in CFLC on 2/26 at
6pm

**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
SpititUs - 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)

Grace Stephens: Breaking Down Gender Barriers in India



Grace Stephens. Photo: Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, courtesy UMC General Commission on Archives and History

Grace Stephens was an Anglo-Indian missionary serving in Madras, India, for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a predecessor organization of United Methodist Women, in the late 19th and early 20th century. She was a native of India, and in April 1886 was appointed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to be a zenana worker. "Zenana" means "of the women," and in the Hindu context refers to the part of a house reserved for women.

She built trust with the women—and stood up to many men—in order to offer education and community, teaching the women English and Tamil and how to read and sew, and in so doing she broke down gender barriers. She soon oversaw an orphanage, a boarding school, day schools and Sunday schools along with her zenana work.

"She knows how to fight the good fight of faith," wrote the Rev. W. Raju in 1900 about Stephens, "and to lead Christians into deeds of holy daring for Christ and his Gospel. Her Christian life is full and complete because God governs her heart."

Stephens was the only woman from Asia to attend the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1910, and one of only 200 women. She knew the Christian faith could transform women's lives and made it her life's work. Centuries later United Methodist Women continues to put faith, hope and love in action thanks to the example and legacy of foremothers such as Grace Stephens.

Compiled from "Address to Mission Forward Symposium April 19, 2010, St. Louis, Missouri" by Dana L. Robert, *The Story of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church* by Frances J. Baker (1895) and *The Gospel in All Lands*, volume 21, number 7 (July 1900).

By The Numbers 2018



25 Saturday's Lunches Were Provided
300 Guests served on Christmas On The Corner

28,389 Number of guests served



42,125 Dine-In Meals

16 Number of years in existence



3,016 To-Go-Meals

5,075 Saturday Bag Lunches

7,247 Friday To-Go-Bags

230 Service Days

1,250 Grocery Bags

1,362 Frozen Meals

58,825 Total Meals

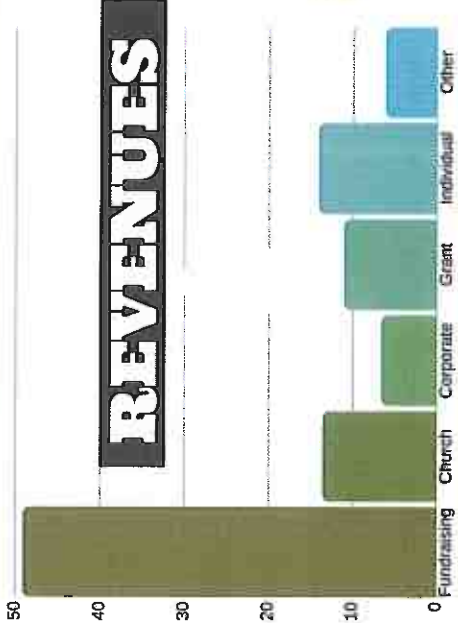
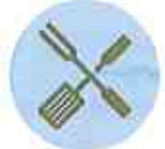
124 Average Guests Per Day



687,518 Total Meals Served 2002-2018

184 Average Servings Per Day

281,561 Pounds of in-kind food received
\$470,206 Value of in-kind food received



4,000+ Volunteers

13,248 Volunteer Service Hours

\$327,093 Saved in expenses from service hours

