



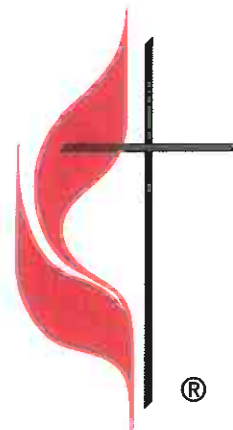
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

March 5, 2019

GENERAL CONFERENCE APPROVES THE TRADITIONAL PLAN

On Tuesday, February 26 at about 6:00 PM, the special called General Conference of the United Methodist Church voted to approve the "Traditional Model" regarding the issues of sexuality and ordination and sexuality and marriage. This means that "church law" mandates that no "self-avowed, practicing homosexual will be considered for certification and ordination." It also prohibits any United Methodist clergy or church from participating in a same sex wedding ceremony.

There were actually four models which were presented to the Conference for deliberation and vote. The **Simple Plan** would have opened the doors to any and all people, regardless of sexuality, for ordination, marriage and full inclusion. The **One Church Plan**, which was the plan advocated by the "Commission on a Way Forward," would have completely changed our stand on this issue by deleting all prohibiting language in the Book of Discipline. All clergy and all churches would have been able to "practice their conscience" on these matters with no fear of Church interference. The **Connectional Conference Plan** would have divided all of Methodism into three theological conferences....one progressive, one traditional and one either/or. Churches and clergy could then choose with which one to affiliate. Each conference would have had its own unique Book of Discipline. The **Traditional Plan** would keep the stand our church has always had on this issue but with this one difference: a more intentional plan of accountability for those churches and pastors who deliberately rebel.

Interestingly, on Sunday, February 24, the Conference took each plan separately and worked on it with many amendments, additions and substitutions. Then, for each one, a vote was taken whether or not to recommend that it go to the full body for final vote. **The Simple Plan, Connectional Conference Plan and One Church Plan were NOT APPROVED to even go before the full body for vote.** On Monday, there was an attempt to bring the One Church Plan back up for another vote through a "minority report" but it was defeated. This left **ONLY** the traditional plan on the table for vote on Monday.

So, the "people called Methodist" have spoken. We will love and welcome all people to our churches and offer God's grace and love. However, we continue our stand on this and many other issues believing that love must always be balanced with truth. **Truth without love is condemning and judgmental.....but love without truth is meaningless and baseless.** We must hold them in perfect balance. This is, what I believe, we committed to do at this General Conference. As Charles Wesley wrote...."O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise; the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace."

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:

Kyle Moritz
Lee, III., Megan, Nathaniel, Olivia & Payson Moritz
Lee, Jr., & Michele Moritz
Lee, Sr. & Betty Moritz
Michael, Debbie & Erin Moritz
Matthew Morrow

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Jim Curotolo at Iredell Memorial (Room 129)

MEMORIALS

Preschool Fund

In memory of Rita Bruner by:
Preschool Staff
Clyde & Carol Kistler
M.G. Doub
Don & Sandy Docherty
Keith & Tommie Hall
Melinda Blodgett

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

Betty Moritz, (Temporarily)
103 County Home Rd.
Conover, NC 28613

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.



5TH SUNDAY OFFERING - MARCH 31, 2019

We will receive a 5th Sunday Offering on Sunday, March 31, 2019 for the Church-wide "Leap of Faith" Building Team Trip. Please hold these offerings until after the service and ushers will be at the exits to receive your donations. Please make checks out to FUMCC and write "Mission Trip" in the memo section. Thank you.



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

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 7	7pm - Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
Mar. 8	6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)
Mar. 10	Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar. 10	Girl Scout Sunday
Mar. 10	3:30-6:30pm - Yth Min. Tms (Sanc/CFLC/GH)
Mar. 10	5-6:30pm - Yth-in-Training (Gray House)
Mar. 12	10:30am - Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
Mar. 12	3pm - Upper Room Bible Study (Clark class)
Mar. 12	7pm - Last Disciple I Bible Study (CFLC)
Mar. 13	11am - Lunch Bunch @ O'Charley's
Mar. 13	1pm - Queen Esther's Meeting (Clark class)
Mar. 14	6pm - UMM - Drums/PW (CFLC/Kit. 2-9pm)
Mar. 17	5:45pm - Finance Comm. Mtg. (Conf. room)
Mar. 17	7pm - Church Council Mtg. (Clark class)

PASTOR'S QUIZ

Jesus left Nazareth and went to dwell in Capernaum, when He



- was reminded of the prophecy by Isaiah
- was dared by the devil to do so
- thought He should be on the shores of Galilee
- heard that John had been cast into prison

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

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"

Our church is participating in this challenge. There are 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!



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. 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 March 3, 2019
Sunday School
136

Worship:	
8:45 am	148
11:00 am	122
Live streaming	14
Total	284

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 19,482.25
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	1,125.00
Children's Bank	126.12
Library Fund	1,000.00
Preschool Fund	335.00
Total	\$ 22,068.37

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GUESTS for Sunday, March 3, 2019

Phyllis Brown; Joanie & Heather Taliaferro; Mike & Greta Indinig; Pat Steller; Kay Price; Keith & Susan Tucker; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Jack Sigmon; John & Margie Furnage; Richard Butler; James Zehmer; Mary & Terry Rohlfing; Junior & Anita Deal; Wesley & Brandie Tucker; Scottie Corriher; Bill Reed; Doug Moore; Ted Pawlowiez; Morgan Bassett.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, April 7, 4:00 PM

If you have been visiting our church and are even thinking about becoming a member, Gary would like to invite you to a "new member orientation" to be held on Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 in the "Crossroads" classroom. At this meeting, we will talk about the **Beliefs, Structure and History** of the United Methodist Church, as well as how you can make a difference through the many avenues of service offered at FUMC. You may not be sure about membership yet and need more information. Well, this meeting is designed to help you make that decision. There will be time for questions you may have as well. If you plan to attend, we ask that you reserve your place by calling the church office at 828-464-4635 or email at fumcc@fumconover.org.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. heard that John had been cast into prison (*Matthew 4:12-13*)

By Our Service March 10, 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 Jarrett Rheeder
 11:00 AM Christine Van Rooyen

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Michele Moritz
 11:00 AM Wende Briggs

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for March, Laurette Rheeder

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	
Website:	www.fumconover.org
Pastor's phone numbers	(828) 464-4635-church (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

MORE NEWS TO USE

"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.



HOLY WEEK SERVICE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019 AT 6:30PM

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. Please contact the church office at (828) 464-4635 to make a reservation.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all that helped at ECCCM Tuesday and this week! Don't forget about our "March Madness" food donations for ECCCM'S Charlie Bunn Food Pantry. The donation bins are in the hallway by the elevator going to the CFLC.

"LEAP OF FAITH" BUILDING TEAM TRIP

Our Leap of Faith Building Team Trip is off and running. And we still have room for YOU! Please email Sandy Baucom at baucomsandy@gmail.com if you are interested or give me a call at 465-1227 (leave a message and phone number). Plans are starting, and it is a good time to climb on board this mission opportunity.

When: Week of June 23
Where: Plymouth, NC
Why: Help with homes damaged by flood waters from hurricanes
Agency: Cross Ministries in Edenton, NC. - Susan Creed

Sandy Baucom



Fueling Faith

MEETING DATES for YOUTH IN TRAINING

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?
- **Jesus Provides People Eternal Strength**

NEXT TIME

We will add the Major Prophets & then PLAY.

!!DO NOT WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES!!



Calling

All Artists and painters.

We are getting ready for the Prayer Walk that will be held during Holy Week. We need volunteers to sketch out and paint a number of backdrops.

If you are curious, interested or ready to sign up for this creative ministry, please reach out to Charmaine.

Many hands make light work!

We need you!!

PRAYER Meeting

COME JOIN US as on Tuesdays from 10:30—11:30 am in the parlor.

“First Steps”

First Steps is a new Sunday School class **for toddlers and 2's**. The class will begin on March 17th with short stories and activities to help your little one learn about Jesus. Please look for our new class next to the Nursery in the Sunday School Hall.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

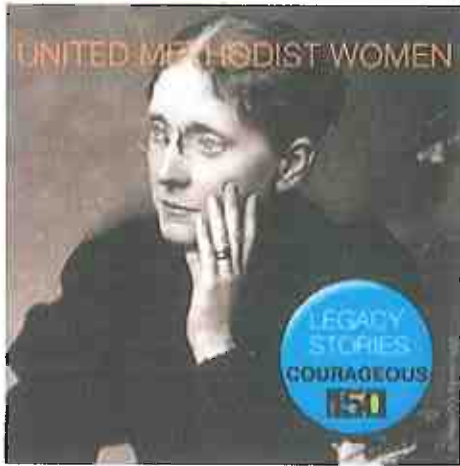
Rachel Hamilton

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” Luke 17:5

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Legacy Stories

Doing Justice: Women's Suffrage, Workers' Rights, Anti-Child Labor Efforts



Frances Willard

Courageous Methodist women, such as Anna Howard Shaw and Frances Willard, were leaders in the struggles for women's suffrage and worker rights, including efforts against child labor.

In 1904 Ms. Shaw became president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. She also pressed for women's right to serve as voting delegates to the Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference.

Likewise, Frances Willard was president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the largest women's organization in the United States at the time with 150,000 members. Under her leadership the association not only worked for Prohibition, but it also advocated for an eight-hour workday, to raise the age of consent for girls (which was 10-12 years old in most states and as low as 7 years old in at least one state) and for women to have the right to vote in the United States.

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Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Dolores Setzer Jerry Shepherd	4 Rebecca Fulbright	5 Christopher Koenig	6 Andrea Long	7 Gilda Pennell	8 Steven Heatfner	9 Chelsea Danner
10	11 Rita Deal Martha Johnson Gienna Sherrill	12 Nancy Clarke Tina Hudson Lee Thornburg	13 Patrick Morrow	14 Pauline Parker	15 John Van Rooyen	16
17 Ashley Sierzenga	18	19 Michael Connor	20	21	22 Lynn Watson	23 Laci Matthews
24	25 Mary Hornick Don Shook	26 Sue Dwiggins	27 Parker Garrison	28 Morgan Williams	29 Eric Connor Alexander Copeland	30 Barbara Wilcox
31 Debbie Royals						

Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Buck & Anne Calloway
10	11	12	13	14	15 Don & Jan Barbersek	16
17	18 Steven & Brenda Heatfner Adam & Melissa Johnson	19	20	21 Ryan & Angela Garrison Evan & Sydney Matson	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Finley & Carole Cloninger	29	30
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