



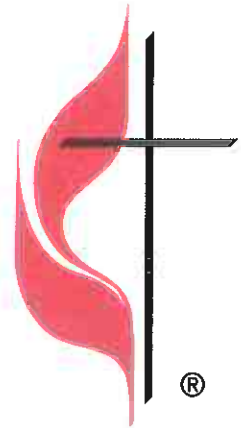
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

March 19, 2019

GENERAL CONFERENCE CLARIFICATION

Here is an article by Thomas Lambrecht who is a UM pastor, the vice president of the Good News movement and a member of the Commission on a Way Forward. This gives some clarification on the decision at General Conference.

Let us be clear about that happened at the St. Louis General Conference. By a vote of 449 to 374 (55 percent against), the delegates rejected the One Church Plan (OCP). The OCP was endorsed by a majority of the Council of Bishops. The OCP had its own website built to promote it. The OCP had all the general church agencies working overtime to lobby delegates in its favor. Despite this full-court press, the plan favored by the "establishment" was roundly rejected.

By a vote of 438 to 384 (53 percent in favor) the delegates instead passed the Traditional Plan. This plan maintains the United Methodist Church's traditional biblical position on marriage and human sexuality. It also enhances accountability to ensure that bishops, clergy, and annual conferences live by the expectations set in our *Book of Discipline*.

It is possible to know with some certainty the provisions of the Traditional Plan that have already been found constitutional and will be implemented.

- The definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual" now reasonably includes persons living in a same-sex marriage or union, and persons who publicly state they are practicing homosexuals. This change will aid in holding accountable clergy who violate the standards for ordained ministry.
- Clergy who perform same-sex weddings, contravening the denomination's prohibition, would receive a minimum penalty of one year's suspension without pay after conviction by a trial court. A second offense would result in termination of credentials. This insures that defiant clergy who flaunt their disregard for denominational standards no longer get by with a slap on the wrist or no meaningful consequence.
- Bishops are now prohibited from dismissing a complaint unless it has no basis in church law or in fact. No longer can bishops simply dismiss a complaint against a clergyperson that they do not want to deal with.
- All persons nominated by the bishop to serve on the board of ordained ministry must certify their willingness to uphold and enforce the *Book of Discipline's* standards for ordained ministry, and they may not recommend a person for commissioning or ordination who does not meet those standards.
- District committees on ordained ministry are specifically prohibited from recommending persons for candidacy or commissioning who do not meet the denomination's qualifications, including for being a self-avowed practicing homosexual.
- Bishops are prohibited from consecrating a person as bishop who is a self-avowed practicing homosexual, despite the fact they might be duly elected by a jurisdictional conference. They are also prohibited from ordaining or commissioning persons who are self-avowed practicing homosexuals, ignore the denominational standards by going through with such consecrations or ordinations. (continued)

PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS

Most importantly, The United Methodist Church sent a clear message that we will maintain traditional biblical moral standards on marriage and human sexuality. We will not forsake Scripture as our primary authority. We will remain united with our global United Methodist brothers and sisters with shared common ethics. Attempts to force The United Methodist Church to mimic progressive sexual ethics were not successful. Moves toward a disconnected congregational-style "contextualization" of our church were not supported by the only entity — the General Conference — that can speak for The United Methodist Church.

Dr. Gary



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:

Bill & Brenda Novotny
John & Elizabeth Padgett
Pauline Parker, Clara Hyatt
Rick & Linda Parker
Elbert & Lee Ann Parris
Jerry, Julie & Courtney Patterson

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Jim Curotolo, age 69 and husband of Andrea Curotolo and a member of First Methodist Conover, died Monday, March 18, 2019 at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Andrea and the family during this difficult time.

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.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

None



MEMORIALS

Preschool Fund

In memory of Rita Bruner by:
Circle #2
Clark Bible Class
Bob & Lois Goodson

Local Missions Fund

In memory of Bernice Moree by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

In memory of Margie Markland by:
Bob & Lois Goodson

Youth Fund

In memory of Gene Danner by:
Bob & Lois Goodson



*In
Honor of*

HONORARIUM Boy Scout Troop #322

In honor of Gerald Loftin by:
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 21	6pm - UMM Meeting (CFLC/Kitchen)
Mar. 22	6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)
Mar. 23	8am-12pm - UMW (CFLC/Kitchen)
Mar. 24	3:30-6:30pm Youth Min. Teams (Sanc./CFLC/GH)
Mar. 24	5-6:30pm Youth-in-Training (Gray House)
Mar. 27	8am-4pm LIFELINE SCREENING (CFLC)
Mar. 29-31	Van 2 - Confirmation trip to Lake Junaluska
Apr 2	10:30am Prayer Meeting (Parlor)
Apr 2	1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conf. room)
Apr 2	3:00pm Upper Room Bible Study (Clark)
Apr 4	7pm Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
Apr 5	3-7pm Decorate CFLC (Corner Table Event)
Apr 6	11am-1pm Corner Table Vol. App. Luncheon (CFLC/Kitchen)

PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Ye are the salt of the earth," said Jesus to the disciples, warning against



- offering themselves too freely
- losing their savour
- affecting sweetness
- charging for their services

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

CORNER TABLE'S VOLUNTEER BASH!



WHEN: Saturday, April 6th
WHERE: First UMC Conover
THEME: 1960's (Hippie era)

RSVP by March 29th to (828) 464-0355 or email admin@thecornertable.org. Lunch will be provided. Prize will be given for the best dressed!

CAROLINA FOR THE KIDS

The mission of the Carolina For The Kids Foundation is to provide essential emotional, medical, and financial support for the patients and families served by UNC Children's Hospital. We raise our funds through a number of events, the largest of which is the UNC Dance Marathon, which runs on March 22-23. Currently, Carolina FTK funds are allocated to different programs. Our flagship grant, the FTK Fund, provides financial support intended to alleviate the burden of hospital stays by providing care necessities that traditional insurance does not, such as gas cards, car seats, and bill payments. Another program, Parent's Night Out, or PNO, provides a hot meal for inpatient parents every Tuesday night. Finally, we have begun funding research grants within UNC Children's through an application-based grant called the Carolina For The Kids Grant. These funds allow for researchers to improve medical care and the overall hospital experience for patients and families. All money raised goes directly to these programs and any donation is appreciated! For more information, please visit:

<https://uncdm.funraise.org/fundraiser/liz-hornick>

Carolina for the Kids will be the recipient of our Children's Bank money January-March which will be presented in April.

Elizabeth Hornick



ATTENTION!!! YOUTH MEETINGS

March 24, 31
 April 7 (if needed; ministry teams only)
 May 5



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence March 17, 2019
 Sunday School
 135

Worship:	
8:45 am	133
11:00 am	129
Live streaming	<u>20</u>
Total	282

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,892.72
 (Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Boy Scouts	1,000.00
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	230.00
Children's Bank	26.60
Girl Scouts	20.00
Local Missions Fund	100.00
Preschool Fund	175.00
Youth Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 13,494.32


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GUESTS for Sunday, March 17, 2019
 Judy Rayburn-Young; Katie & Chloe Rockett;
 Junior & Anita Deal; Ed & Jane Ellis; Jack Sigmon;
 Haley Beech; Trey, Jessica & Colt McGinnis; Keith
 & Susan Tucker; Phyllis Brown; Haley Hart; Kay
 Price; Pat Stetler; Don Lingerfelt; Malinda
 Kennedy; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Garland E.
 Wampler.

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:
 b. losing their savour (*Matthew 5:13*)

By Our Service March 24, 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 Samantha Hawn
 11:00 AM Erin Moritz

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Beverly Swithenbank
 11:00 AM Jenene Nellenbach

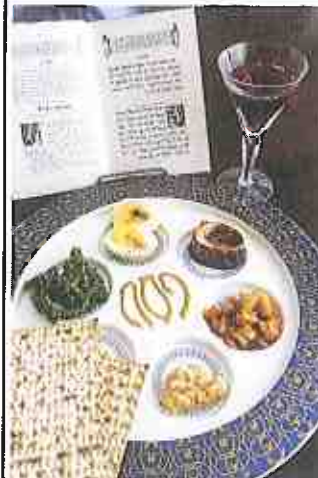
Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for March, Laurette Rheeder

CHURCH STAFF	
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Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
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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.

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 pound 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!

TOTALS 3/18/19

UNC - 41 Pounds
DUKE - 0 Pounds
NC STATE - 20 Pounds
OTHER - 8 pounds (Indiana)

"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



EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

HELP OUR CHILDREN

The mission project for VBS, July 21-25, will be gathering items and filling A.G.A.P.E. Christmas Shoes Boxes to be sent to Armenia. The children will learn during the week about the country and why the United Methodist Churches in NC set up this project in 1993/1994. Please plan to help the children collect enough items to insure they each have at least one box to fill at VBS.

More details will be forthcoming. If you want to see more about this project go to <http://www.wnccumc.org/project-agape>

Thank you.

Lois Goodson



R O A R !!! VBS MISSION PROJECT

WHAT IS THE MRC?

"The Mission Response Center is a place where persons may learn about mission through hands-on experience. The MRC processes humanitarian aid donations for distribution throughout the world. Some supplies stored at the MRC are ready to be distributed immediately for disaster response. Located in Terrell, NC, the Mission Response Center needs both volunteers and financial contributions to facilitate its mission." Sunday School classes, Youth, Men and Women's groups, and others, please consider helping MRC. Brochures located in the Mission and Outreach gray mailbox across from the church office will give you more details.

"You don't have to travel to a foreign country to transform the world!"

Missions and Outreach Committee, FUMC Conover

MISSIONS &
OUTREACH

Fueling Faith

YOUTH IN TRAINING

Meeting on **March 24 & 31**

5:00—6:30pm in the Gray House



"First Steps", our new Sunday School class for **toddlers and 2's** is off to a great start. Thank Rachel and Emma Hamilton and Anne Spencer for teaching.

Artists and painters:

Workdays will soon be scheduled. Any amount of time you can offer we will gladly accept.

Anthony is waiting to hear from you!

Thank You! to first time Acolyte,

Matthew Hornick for performing your Acolyte duties so beautifully! Well done!

PRAYER Meeting

COME JOIN US in the parlor.

Tuesdays from 10:30—11:30.

Journey to Jerusalem—Prayer Walk April 18 & 19

What is a Prayer Walk you might ask? It is just what it says. Praying while you walk! Prayer is an evolving means of interacting with God. In the Hebrew Bible we find many personal prayers by Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua and Hannah to name a few. Organized prayer is only introduced in Deuteronomy.

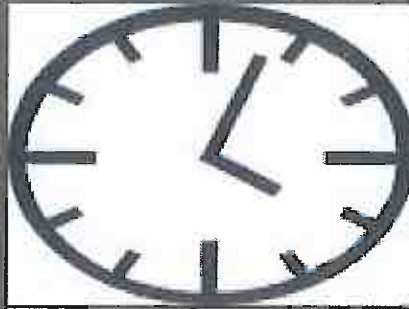
The *Journey to Jerusalem* will be an uninterrupted time to interact with God. Stations along the route will confront your senses while you are invited by Scripture, posed questions and invitations to be in relationship with God in that time and that space.

It is my hope that you will walk away feeling nearer to our God than when you started. It is my prayer that this *Journey* will increase your love for and faith in Jesus Christ as we get ready to celebrate Easter.

If you have never experienced this, plan to attend. You will not regret it.

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

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

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

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

Our next youth meeting in the Gray House.

Meetings & Ministry Teams at normal times.

Calendar Watch

Tuesday, Mar 19 –
Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, Mar 24 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

Sunday, Mar 31 –
Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams

**Prayer Walk
April 18th & 19th**

Anthony Price has asked for youth help with the Prayer Walk this year. Please let Anthony, Charles, or Mary know if you can help one or both days

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)

See Email and please let Charles or Mary know asap if you wish to attend.

**Leap of Faith
Summer Mission
Trip**

Informational Meeting
on 3/19 at 6:30pm in
Faith Builders
classroom.

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



Dates to Remember:

30 hour Famine – April 12-13
Prayer Walk - April 18 & 19
Middle School IgniteUs – May 3-5
Spring Youth Sunday – May 19
Graduate Sunday – June 2
SpititUs - Aug 9-11

**SpiritUs 2K19
Aug 9-11**

Deadline to let us know
you are going is April
28th. Please notify
Charles or Mary

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)

Legacy Stories

A Legacy of New Beginnings

Survivors of Domestic Violence Find Healing and Hope at Navajo United Methodist Center



A water tank arrives at the Navajo United Methodist Center New Beginnings

United Methodist Women members find their legacy at the healing and hope happening every day at the Navajo United Methodist Center in Farmington, New Mexico, which is supported by pledge dollars through Mission Giving.

Domestic violence, or intimate partner violence, occurs across lines of race, gender and socio-economic status and is especially devastating to those living on the margins with few if any options to leave safely.

Navajo United Methodist Center, located in San Juan County, has been a haven for Native American people and families affected by domestic violence since 1994, and is the only long-term facility serving the vast region of Four Corners and the Navajo Nation.

The center provides support services and communal style transitional living for domestic abuse survivors. Given that 75 percent of those served are Native American people from the Northern Agency of the Navajo Nation, the center prioritizes traditional cultural education and dispute resolution through peacemaking, meditation and group discussions.

United Methodist Women is proud to be a part of the healing and hope happening at the center and is honored to name Navajo United Methodist Center as part of United Methodist Women's legacy made possible by every member giving through the [Pledge to Mission Giving](#).

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