



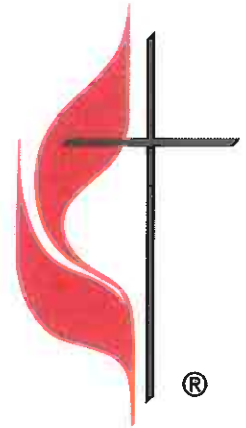
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

April 9, 2019

Friends,

The Chancel Choir did an amazing job Sunday, April 7th to prepare our hearts for Easter. I would like to share another two events that are sure to impact your hearts too.

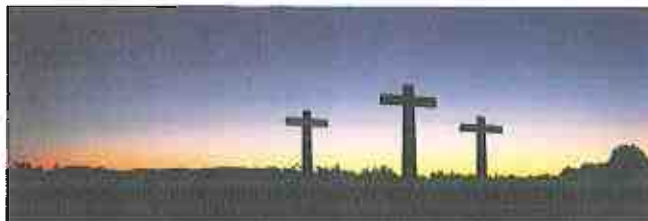
Easter4Kids (April 13th) is our way of facilitating Lenten Awareness for children and families. Participants will get to decorate an egg carton before they visit 12 stations where they will hear Scripture about Jesus' last week on earth. At every station they will fill a plastic egg with the symbol of that particular scripture. This is an excellent learning tool that can be used for many more Easters to come. Don't miss out on this experience. And remember those Easter Baskets to use in the egg hunt!

Journey to Jerusalem (April 18th and 19th) is a visual journey of the life of Jesus; from prophecy to Golgotha. On your 'journey' you will be invited to reflect on Scripture, do some introspection, and consider the meaning of Easter for us as Christians.

The team has chosen to offer this experience for two nights this year in an effort to accommodate more participants. I am strongly encouraging you to participate in this holy experience. If you are unsure about what this is all about come see for yourself.

I have been praying for the volunteers (60 and more) as they work hard to minister to you and our greater community through this event. The team is praying for you, the participant, that you will be blessed and left with a new or deeper understanding of the love that Christ has for YOU.

In anticipation of Easter,
Charmaigne



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. Those with a * are non-members. The families for this week are:

Kim & *Todd Reynolds
Pierre, Laurette, Gerhardt & Jarrett Rheeder
Janet Robbins; Caroline & Bradley Yount
*Harold & Martha Robertson
Pete & Phyllis Robinson
Charles & Lucy Rockett

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.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Glenna Sherrill at home
Armando Lagunas at home

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you for all the cards, food, visits and especially prayers that you have extended to/for me since my hospital stay in January and during my subsequent recovery. Words are not adequate in telling you how much your kindness has meant to me. I am so blessed to be a part of such a caring church family.



Don Barbersek

THANK YOU!

To my Church Family,
Somehow, just saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. But I hope you know how much your kindness has meant to me.

I want to thank you all for your outreach of love and prayers during this very difficult time. No words can express how blessed I feel to be a part of this church family.

I look forward to serving along side you in the months and years ahead.

God bless you all!
Love in Christ,
Andrea Curotolo



PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Throughout April and May the preschool will again be offering Preister's Pecans. We have one lb. bags each of pecan pieces and pecan halves and the cost is \$10.00 per bag. You may pick these up any time Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am until 12:00pm here at the preschool. You may also call Ginger Doub @ 446-2560 and I can make a time to get the product to you on Sunday. This is a great time to get ready for Easter Lunch and summer snacking. All proceeds will go to the preschool program, an outreach of FUMC Conover.

To God Be The Glory!

Ginger Doub,
Preschool Director



NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr 11** 6:30-8:30pm - Girls' Volleyball (CFLC)
Apr 12 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)
Apr 13 10am-1pm - Easter 4 Kids (CFLC)
Apr 14 Passion/Palm Sunday
Apr 17 9:50am - Van 2 - Goodtimers to Crawdads
Apr 17 6:30pm - "Christ in the Passover" w/Murray Tilles (CFLC)
Apr 18 6-8pm "Journey to Jerusalem" Prayer Walk (All facilities - Starts in the CFLC)
Apr 19 6-8pm "Journey to Jerusalem" Prayer Walk (All facilities - Starts in the CFLC)

PASTOR'S QUIZ

"Founded upon a rock" and "built...upon the sand" in Matthew 7 refer to a



- a. temple
- b. dam
- c. house
- d. wall

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



There are jackets in the entrance to the Lobby of the CFLC. If you are missing one, please check the rack. If they are not claimed by April 21st, they will be donated to ECCCM.

The Trustees

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT SPENCER BRACKETT



Just a reminder that Spencer Brackett is accepting donations for his Eagle project. Anything is appreciated!

Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church, and put "Spencer Brackett Eagle Project" in the memo section. Thank you church family for everything!

Spencer Brackett

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of Nursery Volunteer for the 11:00am service for Sunday, April 28. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Melissa Johnson at (828) 234-3289. Thank you in advance for your help with this most important ministry.

Thank you.



"JESUS IN THE PASSOVER"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH @ 6:30PM
CALL CHURCH OFFICE FOR RESERVATIONS (828) 464-4635

ATTENTION GOODTIMERS!!!

Crawdads baseball game. Wednesday, April 17th. I will order tickets on Monday, April 15th! Either sign up on the Crawdads sheet on the Go-See-Do bulletin board or call Eddie Warren at (828) 464-9643. Tickets are \$5 and include a Hot Dog/Chips/Water! We will leave the church at 9:50am on Wednesday morning! (Anyone can go!)

Eddie Warren



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 7, 2019
Sunday School
121

Worship:	
8:45 am	151
11:00 am	138
Live streaming	15
Total	304

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 24,153.50
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Building Team ("Leap of Faith")	
Church Mission Team Trip	200.00
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	1,150.00
Children's Bank	146.75
Total	\$ 25,650.25

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GUESTS for Sunday, April 7, 2019

Don Lingerfelt; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Haley Beech; John & Margie Furmage; Mike & Greta Induni; Carlos & Barbara dela Garza; Junior & Anita Deal; Jack Sigmon; Jean Auton; Robin Dagenhardt; Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Judy Rayburn-Young; Ashley & Abigail McAdams; Aiden & Lincoln Coulter; Debbie Rose; Jennie Atwood; James Zehmer; J.B. Zehmer; Trey, Jessica & Colton McGinnis; Aaron & Krystle Watson; Beatrice Robertson;

**CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP
 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW
 AVAILABLE**

Deadline: April 30th at 4:00pm

Applications must be completed as outlined on the cover page of the application. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

You may pick up an application during the church's office hours, Monday - Thursday from 8am-12noon and 1-4pm. You may also email the church office at fumcc@fumconover.org to have an application and the instructions emailed to you. Or you may call to have an application and instructions emailed to you. Please indicate which application (high school or college) you need.

Completed applications must be turned in to Denise Moose or to the church office by 4pm on April 30th.

Thank you.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. house (Matthew 7:24-27)

By Our Service April 14, 2019

Usher Captains:

8:45 AM Armando Lagunas
 11:00 AM Ron Harris

Greeters:

8:45 AM Joyce Lagunas
 11:00 AM Barbara Hager

Acolytes:

8:45 AM Mack Little
 11:00 AM Holly Hentschel

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Virginia Thornburg
 11:00 AM Melissa Johnson

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for April, Melissa Johnson

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



JOIN US FOR A ECCCM PICNIC!
honoring
OUR VOLUNTEERS
APRIL 25, 2019
FROM 6-7:30PM

First Presbyterian Church - 701 N. Main Ave., Newton
Dinner, Awards, and Music
RSVP to Jo Ann at 828.465.1702



ECCCM "MARCH MADNESS"

TOTALS 4/8/19

UNC - 18 pounds
DUKE - 21 pounds
NC STATE - 16 pounds
OTHER - 0 pound

OUR TOTALS:

UNC - 146 pounds
DUKE - 45 pounds
NC STATE - 55 pounds
OTHER - 28 pounds



Monetary value was figured at \$1 per lb. - \$274: Thanks to everyone that made a contribution to help feed the hungry in Eastern Catawba County.

"LEAP OF FAITH"
BUILDING TEAM TRIP



Leap of Faith- Building Mission Team- June 23- 29

Our Building Team has been working on our mission week in Plymouth, NC.

Our week has another option that may interest you.

We would love for you to stay the whole week if you can, but if you cannot, how about this?

1/2 week from June 23- Wednesday morning, June 26 or

1/2 week from June 26- Saturday morning, June 29

Vans will not return, for the youth are visiting the beach on Wednesday, June 26.

Let Sandy Baucom know if you are interested in joining us for a the half week option or if you would like to join us for the whole week!!

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 in the Faithbuilders classroom.

Sandy Baucom

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. Please plan to help the children collect enough items to ensure they each have at least one box to fill at VBS. If you want to see more about this project sponsored by the United Methodist Churches in NC go to <http://www.wnccumc.org/project-agape>. **April 14 - May 5**, we are asking for the following:

- Ages 3 -6 (ball, car, doll, toy or game, coloring book, Crayola crayons)
- Ages 7 - 12 (coloring book, Crayola crayons, stuffed animal, toy or game, box of colored pencils, pencil sharpener)
- Containers for each age group will be located in the in the hallway, left of the front of the sanctuary.



Thank you.

Lois Goodson

“MIRACLE MOM’S MINISTRY”

Please help us with our Miracle Moms project by donating items to fill these 50 bags, so that in turn we can help alleviate some stress on the NICU moms this Mother’s Day! Help us to remind these women that God loves them and so do we!

Ways to Donate list:

1. You can donate money that I can use to go and get the items needed and that will go towards the bags needed for this project.
2. You can donate the items we need to fill these bags:

Hand sanitizer (travel size)	Lotion (travel size)
Deodorant (travel size)	Chapstick
Hair bows/athletic headbands	Tissues (travel size)
Socks	Nail files/polish
Snacks/candy	Gatorade/water
Adult Coloring books/crosswords	Pens/colored pencils
Fleece blankets	
Gift cards (Walmart, target, McDonald’s, Wendy’s)	
And most importantly DEVOTION BOOKS that is what helped me most.	
Stuffed animals for their baby (must be small)	

Deadline is no later than May 5th!!

Thank you for your donations and prayers for these “Miracle Moms”.

Elizabeth Conner



STILL MORE NEWS TO USE

CORNER TABLE "FEED THE FLOCK"

FUMCC will be providing two items for the Corner Table Feed the Flock Silent Auction, ("Ultimate Beach Wagon with Beach Chair and Umbrella" and "Gourmet Kitchen Basket"). Items are being collected in the Crossroads Sunday School classroom. If you can bring Beach items (Yeti's, beach towels, sunscreen, bug spray, Beach toys, beach games, etc) to help fill wagon or Kitchen items (spices, gourmet food items, kitchen utensils, kitchen towels & mitts, crackers, gourmet olives, etc) to fill the basket, these donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Hawn at (828) 256-5295 or email her at hawnhouse@charter.net.



FLOWERING THE CROSS ON EASTER MORNING

Please remember to bring flowers on Sunday, April 21st to flower the cross. We will be flowering the cross at both services. If you have extra flowers, please bring them to share with those who do not have flowers or forgot theirs. Thank you for your participation in this meaningful part of the service.

Fueling Faith

YOUTH IN TRAINING

I will see you all this Saturday at 10am. Bring your baskets!!

EASTER4KIDS

An Easter event for kids of all ages. Join us at 10 on April 13 in the Connor Family Life Center (back parking lot).

Remember to bring your baskets!!

ADULTS: *I still have room for more volunteers. Please call me.*



Journey to Jerusalem—Prayer Walk April 18 & 19

The ministers working on the Prayer Walk Stations are excited to facilitate this unique experience for you. Please consider structuring your Holy Week to include time to experience this form of worship.

Everyone is invited. So, invite your colleagues, friends, neighbors and out-of-town family too!

Vacation Bible School Meeting

There will be a 30 minute information meeting right after the Youth Worship Service, at **about noon** on **May 19th** in one of the Sunday school rooms in the CFLC. We will dismiss no later than 12:30.

We will share the vision for this year along with short, medium and long term goals for our children. We will share how we are changing the Stations for this year and confirm leaders for the various areas.

If you have any questions feel free to contact either Charmaine—apfd@fumconover.org or Brooke Connor—brooke.connor@alumni.lr.edu.

“FIRST STEPS”

“First Steps” is a Sunday school class for toddlers, 2’s and 3’s. Short stories, songs and activities are geared to help your little one learn about Jesus. Rachel Hamilton

National Day of Prayer

Please consider volunteering at this all day event. For an hour or two OR you can come and just sit and knit or crochet for as long as you want to. Sign up sheets will be outside my office. Charmaine

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

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: apfd@fumconover.org / Text : (781) 913-4415



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

**Youth Meeting
May 5th at 5pm**

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

Senior Handprints on the wall at 5pm. Final youth practices before youth Sunday. Please try to come. Practices are at normal times.

Calendar Watch
Thur Apr 18 & Fri Apr 19 - Prayer Walk

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

May 5 - Final Youth Meeting & Practices

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. Service hours can be earned.

May 7 - Mission Trip Meeting

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

**SpiritUs 2K19
Aug 9-11**

Deadline: April 28th.
Please notify Charles or Mary

Registration forms were sent on email and will be available in the youth office door. Please complete and return it & payment to Charles or Mary.

One more chaperone is needed in order to make sure this faith building trip can happen.

**Leap of Faith
Summer Mission
Trip**

Meeting: Tues, May 7
@ 6:30 in Faith Builders Classroom.

Dates to Remember:

30 hour Famine – Cancelled
Prayer Walk - April 18 & 19
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 Homick (828-381-7231 / charles_h71@charter.net) or Mary Homick (828-381-7233 / maryhomick1974@gmail.com)

NC LITTER SWEEP

APRIL 13 – APRIL 27, 2019



ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS

JOIN US FOR THE CITY OF CONOVER
LITTER SWEEP DAY

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 27

TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 12 NOON

Organize a volunteer group from your workplace, church, club, neighborhood, family or school and help remove litter from our community roadways!

The City will provide trash bags, safety vests, gloves, maps and a hot dog lunch will be served at the Conover City Park at 12 Noon. Supplies can be picked up after 8 a.m. at the Park and there will be prizes for most unusual pieces of litter found. For more information or to register, contact Joy Heller at (828) 695-2909.