



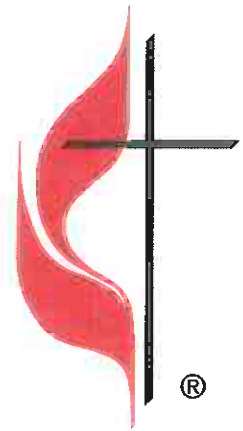
CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST

## *Our Mission:*

*Bring Them In...*

*Build Them Up...*

*Send Them Out!*



*The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover*

*April 23, 2019*

### **God's Mission, Our Mission**

*(The following is from UMC//EMC –Blog articles for UMCOR.)*

God's Holy Spirit calls the Church into being for mission. The Church experiences and engages in God's mission as it pours itself out for others, ready to cross every boundary to call for true human dignity among all peoples. As Jesus said: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

**UMCOR**, The United Methodist Committee on Relief, takes this call to heart. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **UMCOR** is the hands and feet of Jesus whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

Since 1940, **UMCOR** has grown from providing necessities to refugees and displaced populations, to getting involved in reconstruction, rehabilitation and repatriation of refugees and prisoners of war, restoration of churches and civil operations, and reconciliation – an effort to restore peace and goodwill. Later it expanded its scope to include agricultural and community development projects, as well as medical relief and development, and disaster risk reduction programs.

**UMCOR's** stated mission is: "Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called United Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing."

People around the world now know the transformative power of Christ through the action of first responders and volunteers of UMCOR. Their vision is to come together to strengthen and transform people and communities. We pray constantly for God's grace to be known through us as we provide sustainable, practical and purposeful relief to those in need around the globe.

**We will be highlighting UMCOR during our services, this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something **"they" do, it can be something "we" do.** We hope that you will give this upcoming UMCOR Sunday so that we, along with our United Methodist congregations around the globe, can share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation.

Lois Goodson, Missions and Outreach

# \*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 an asterisk are non-members. The families for this week are:

Pastor Gary & Debbie Royals  
Josh & \*Flo Royals  
Donna Rudisill  
Mary Rudisill  
Lisa Rudisill

### 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

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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

Betty Shell at Conover Rehab  
Kathy Martin at CVMC (Room 640)

### MEMORIAL General Fund

In memory of Nancy Anderson by:  
Mike Anderson

### 64TH CHURCH HOMECOMING!!!

MAY 5TH AT 10:00AM IN CFLC

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Please bring your favorite meat dish, vegetable dish, casserole, salad and dessert for everyone to share. Plates, cups, silverware and drinks will be provided.

Thank you,

Homecoming Committee



### 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:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>Apr 25</b>  | 6pm - UMM - Drums/Pathways (CFLC/Kit. 2-9pm)   |
| <b>Apr 26</b>  | 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)  |
| <b>Apr 28</b>  | UMCOR Offering received at end of both services  |
| <b>Apr 30</b>  | 6pm - UMM - LINC (CFLC/Kitchen 2-9pm)  |
| <b>May 2</b>   | 7am-7pm National Day of Prayer (Sanc./CFLC)  |
| <b>May 3-4</b> | 8am-8pm Friday Cubs - Pinewood Derby (CFLC)<br>8am-3pm Sat. Cubs - Pinewood Derby (CFLC)<br>4pm - Set up CFLC for Homecoming |
| <b>May 3-5</b> | Van 2 - IgniteUs - Middle High Youth   |
| <b>May 5</b>   | 10am - HOMECOMING (CFLC) Lunch to follow   |
| <b>May 5</b>   | 3:30 - 6:30pm Youth Ministry Teams (CFLC/etc)  |
| <b>May 5</b>   | 5-6:30pm Youth-in-Training (Gray House)  |
| <b>May 7</b>   | 6:30pm Mission Trip Meeting (FB classroom)   |
| <b>May 9</b>   | 8-11am - UMM - ECCCM (CFLC/Kitchen)  |
| <b>May 9</b>   | 7pm - Scout Roundtable (CFLC)  |
| <b>May 10</b>  | 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)  |
| <b>May 12</b>  | Mother's Day   |

## PASTOR'S QUIZ



When the resurrected Jesus stood among His apostles, the methods He used to persuade them that He was not a spirit did not include

- urging them to regard His hands and feet
- healing one of the bystanders who had leprosy
- inviting them to handle Him, since a spirit has not flesh and bones
- asking them for something to eat, and eating it

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

## "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**



## NEW ADDRESSES (Please update your directory)

J.P. & Behr Jones  
2090 Mosteller Estate Avenue SE  
Hickory, NC 28602-3464

Josh, Melissa & Maverick Steelmon  
1377 Redbud Road  
Lincolnton, NC 28092-7910

Scottie & Kim Hentschel  
4631 9th Street NE  
Hickory, NC 28601

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 21, 2019  
Sunday School  
134

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Worship:       |     |
| 8:45 am        | 188 |
| 11:00 am       | 207 |
| Live streaming | 21  |
| Total          | 416 |

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 27,759.25  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Boy Scouts (Spencer Brackett ESP) | 275.00       |
| Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)    | 8,622.84     |
| Children's Bank                   | 1.00         |
| Miracle Moms' Ministry            | 330.00       |
| Open Door Homeless Ministry       | 50.00        |
| Total                             | \$ 37,038.09 |

## ECCCM 2019 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 7th - Next volunteer day for

**First UMC - Conover**



First United Methodist Church  
410 First Avenue North  
Conover, NC 28613  
*Return Service Requested*

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### GUESTS for Sunday, April 21, 2019

Kalen Bolick; Jeannie Bolick; Terry Bolick;  
Jack Sigmon; Junior & Anita Deal; John & Margie  
Furmage; Mary Bigelow; Cathy Rudisill; Max  
Bigelow; Paul Hunsucker; Mack Hunsucker;  
Scottie Corriher; Wesley, Brandie & Gage Tucker;  
Philip Lucksavage; James & Turner Clark; Aubrey  
Hite; Puqa-Luna Hernon; Haley Hart; Matt Brooks;  
Don Lingerfelt; Becky Cloninger; Mike & Greta  
Induni; Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa  
Hunsucker; Susan Long; Mike, Cassidy & Will  
Choplin; Ashley & Abigail McAdams; Sharon  
Benfield; Layla Deal; Judy Rayburn-Young; Susan  
Stewart & Clayton; Keith & Susan Tucker; Phyllis  
Brown; Trey, Jessica & Colton McGinnis; Adele,  
Kristen & Seth Jarrett; Baker & Monica Phillips.

### 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](mailto: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:

*b. healing one of the bystanders  
who had leprosy (Luke 24:36-43)*

### By Our Service April 28, 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 Drew Fisher  
11:00 AM Mackenzie Johnson

#### Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Michelle Brackett  
11:00 AM

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for  
April, Melissa Johnson

### CHURCH STAFF

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Pastor                         | Dr. Gary Royals<br>( <a href="mailto:pastor@fumconover.org">pastor@fumconover.org</a> )                             |
| Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev. | Charmaine Van Rooyen<br>( <a href="mailto:apfd@fumconover.org">apfd@fumconover.org</a> )                            |
| Administrative Assistant       | Robin Mays<br>( <a href="mailto:fumcc@fumconover.org">fumcc@fumconover.org</a> )                                    |
| Music Director                 | Jonathan Rogers<br>( <a href="mailto:jsrogers99@gmail.com">jsrogers99@gmail.com</a> )<br>(828) 244-7019             |
| Pianist                        | Shannon Rogers<br>( <a href="mailto:srog101@gmail.com">srog101@gmail.com</a> )<br>(828) 244-6124                    |
| Organist                       | Alex Wilson<br>( <a href="mailto:organistfumconover@gmail.com">organistfumconover@gmail.com</a> )<br>(803) 810-3396 |
| Preschool Director             | Ginger Doub (466-3158)<br>( <a href="mailto:ps@fumconover.org">ps@fumconover.org</a> )                              |
| Lead Nursery Worker            | Pilar Tobar   |
| Custodian                      | Luisa Toro Bryan<br>(828) 464-4635  |
| Church Office                  | (828) 464-3423  |
| Facsimile                      | <a href="http://www.fumconover.org">www.fumconover.org</a>  |
| Website:                       | (828) 464-4635-church   |
| Pastor's phone numbers         | (704) 787-0598-cell   |
| Pastor's address               | 2161 Augusta National Drive<br>Denver, NC 28037   |
| Assistant Pastor's phone #     | (781) 913-4415 - cell   |
| Assistant Pastor's address     | 1307 8th Avenue NW<br>Conover, NC 28613   |

# 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:

1. You can donate money that will go towards the items needed for this project.
2. You can donate items;

Hand sanitizer (travel size)

Deodorant (travel size)

Hair bows/athletic headbands

Socks

Snacks/candy

Adult Coloring books/crosswords

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 and new)

Lotion (travel size)

Chapstick

Tissues (travel size)

Nail files/polish

Gatorade/water

Pens/colored pencils

Deadline is no later than May 5th!!

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

Elizabeth Conner





# Fueling Faith

## EASTER4KIDS

Thank you to all the volunteers who spent their Saturday morning ministering to our children. It is my prayer that the number of children we can influence increase yearly.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year we will host this event **TWO WEEKS** before Easter weekend. Thank you again!



**YOUTH IN TRAINING:** Next meeting May 5th!! Be prepared to get wet.

### *Journey to Jerusalem*

The First United Methodist Church campus was transformed for 2 days by a team of ministers the likes of whom I have never seen before. Everyone worked extremely hard to make it happen. Moving furniture, hanging drapes and plastic sheets, decorating the different rooms, store-rooms, picking up the plants for our garden, working on the blood and welts for our crucified Christ. It was amazing to see. My heartfelt thanks to each and every person who served our church family and community by your effort and your love for God. By the reactions and feedback from participants I can guarantee that we have made a difference in many lives. May God bless you and keep you all.

### **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. Without enough volunteers this event will be in jeopardy this year. Please search your heart and come serve our children and their parents.

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

### **National Day of Prayer—Thursday, May 2nd**

The theme for this year is *LOVE ONE ANOTHER*. We need volunteers in the Sanctuary and at the labyrinth set up in the Connor Family Life Center. Please consider volunteering at this all day event.

Stay for an hour or more and share the power of prayer.

Sign up sheets will be outside my office. You may also call me at the office and schedule a time slot.

I am looking forward to serving with you on this very important day for our nation.

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

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

# **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.*

*The Corner Table Soup Kitchen's*

# Feed The Flock Gala

**Friday, May 31, 2019**

**74 South @ Moretz Mills**

**TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019**

For information on donating towards the silent auction and wine wall, or becoming a sponsor, please visit [thecornertable.org](http://thecornertable.org)!

*Save The Date*