



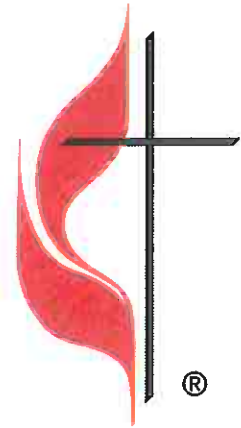
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

May 21, 2019

THE END IS NEAR!

Now that I have your attention, let me explain and give you the good news.

As of May 13, 2019, the balance of debt owing on the Shell Property has been reduced to \$35,600. In addition, we have \$6,280 in the bank plus \$84,294 of projected collectible pledges available for repayment of the remaining debt plus interest expense leaving approximately \$54,974 available for demolition estimated at \$10,000 OR for repairs and improvements to the Shell house. It won't be long until the bank debt on the Shell property will likely be paid off. In other words, "The End is Near!"

In our personal lives, we want to be prepared and ready long before "The End". The same is true of the financial life of the church. We desire to be prepared for what is approaching.

The Church Trustees and Administrative Council, with input and recommendations from a new long term planning committee being assembled, will be evaluating, projecting and planning for the church's current and future needs. The focus will be in three primary areas including: the ministries, the staff and the facility needs of the church. This will include a determination of what to do with the existing gray youth house and the Shell house. It is hoped that this determination can be made prior to repayment of the bank debt on the Shell property.

In preparing to initiate the Capital Campaign in 2017, the congregation was asked to provide thoughts and recommendations regarding possible uses for the Shell house. Currently, consideration is primarily for use as a replacement for the gray youth house however, there are still a number of questions related to necessary renovations and upgrades for use of either of the houses for assembly. These will need to be addressed and re-evaluated in the current decision process. Your prayers, comments and recommendations are again welcomed in these upcoming decisions. During this process, let us all pray that God's will be done in all things until "It is Done".

Sincerely,

Bob Goodson, Shell property committee member

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:

Mike, Anne, Samantha & Zander Spencer
Troy, Suzanne, Logan & Camden Spencer; Felicia & Taylor Little
Debi Sprague
Billy Sprouse
Jennifer & Brittany Starnes
Josh, Melissa & Maverick Steelmon

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 Conover Nursing & Rehab Center
(Room 210A)

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

Gilda Pennell at CVMC (At home)

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Michael Corey Bryan was born Saturday, May 18 at 12:05am to Lusía Toro Bryan and J.C. Bryan. He weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Congratulations to Luisa and J.C. on the birth of their new son.



"LEAP OF FAITH"

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Our plans for the Mission Building Team, Leap of Faith is continuing. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 in the Faithbuilders' Classroom.

If God is working on your heart to join us, there is still time. Contact Sandy Baucom at baucomsandy@gmail.com.

Date of trip is
June 23-29 in
Plymouth, NC.



LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH JUNE 12TH @ 11AM OLIVE GARDEN

All ladies of the church are invited to the Ladies' Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, June 12th at 11:00am. We will meet at the Olive Garden located at 2261 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory, NC 28602



NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 24** 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)
May 25 1-3pm - Maverick Steelmon's birthday party (CFLC) grandson of Mala Dauber & great grandson of Glenna Sherrill
- May 26** 12-4pm - Coulter Reunion (CFLC/Kit.)
May 27 Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
 Preschool Closed
- May 28** 6:30pm - "Leap of Faith" Mission Trip meeting (Faithbuilders' class)
- May 30** 6pm - UMM - Drums/Honor Guard (CFLC/Kitchen 3-9pm)
- Jun 2** 10am - Breakfast for High School Graduates (CFLC/Kitchen)
- Jun 2** 11am - Connor Scholarships Presented
Jun 2 5pm - Youth Cookout/9 Square (CFLC/Kitchen 2-8pm)
- Jun 9** 11am - Confirmation Sunday

Help Our Children

The mission project for VBS, July 21 - 25, will be gathering items and filling **A.G.A.P.E. Christmas Shoe 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>.

May 22 - June 9, we are asking for the following:
 Ages 3 - 6 (1 comb/brush, 1 hair bands/bows (pack), 3 pairs of socks, 1 toothbrush, 1 pack markers, 1 notepad)

Ages 7 - 12 (1 comb/brush, 1 hairbands/bows (pack), 1 mirror, 1 notepad, box of wooden pencils (no military logo or negative artwork), 1 ruler/metric, 3 pairs of socks, 1 toothbrush

NO toothpaste, candy, gum or batteries

Containers for each age group will be located in the hallway, left of the front of the sanctuary.

Thank you.

Lois Goodson



PASTOR'S QUIZ



"It is more blessed to give than to receive," said

- Paul
- Jesus, said Paul
- Paul, said Silas
- Silas

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

ATTENTION GOODTIMERS & SENIORS OF THE CHURCH

The next Crawdads Baseball Game is Wednesday, June 5th at 10:30 AM. We will leave the church at 9:50 AM. Tickets are \$5.00 and include a Hot Dog/ Chips/Bottle of Water. If you what to go, either sign up on the Crawdad's sheet on the Go-See-Do bulletin board or call Eddie Warren @ (828) 464-9643. Please leave a message!



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Jeannie Houston
 501 County Home Road
 Conover, NC 28613

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 19, 2019
 Sunday School
 68

Worship:
 10:30 am 217

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

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| General Fund | \$ | 8,730.50 |
| <i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i> | | |
| Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.) | | 695.00 |
| "Leap of Faith" Mission Trip | | 100.00 |
| Total | \$ | 9,525.50 |

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GUESTS for Sunday, May 19, 2019

Steve & Katie Cloninger; Brenda Little; Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Mike & Greta Induni; Thomas & Melissa Webber; Malinda Kennedy; Junior & Anita Deal; Haley Beech; Wesley & Brandie Tucker; Marie Harris; Bonnie Sanders; Glenda Johnson; Libby Deal; Sherry, Ava, Ryland & Liam Hamlett; Terry Bolick; Sherry Tensley.

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM

For those who wish to volunteer for the month of June at ECCCM, the church's date is Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve in this important ministry.

Message from ECCCM - Thank you for your donation of 85 pounds of food during the month of April to the ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry!

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



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
 b. *Jesus, said Paul (Acts 20:18, 35)*

By Our Service May 26, 2019

Ushers:

8:45 AM FUMCC Youth
 11:00 AM FUMCC Youth

Greeters:

8:45 AM Youth Parents
 11:00 AM Youth Parents

Acolyte:

8:45 AM Jarrett Rheeder
 11:00 AM Christine Van Rooyen

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM
 11:00 AM Jenene Nellenbach

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for May, Angela Garrison.

CHURCH STAFF

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|--------------------------------|--|
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| Pianist | Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124 |
| Organist | Alex Wilson (organistfumcconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396 |
| Preschool Director | Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org) |
| Lead Nursery Worker | Pilar Tobar |
| Custodian | Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635 |
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| Website: | (828) 464-4635-church |
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