



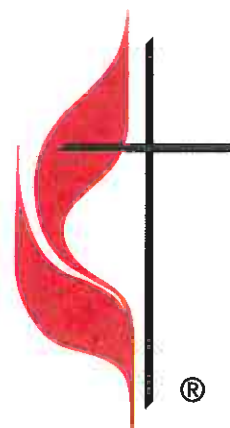
CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST

***Our Mission:***

***Bring Them In...***

***Build Them Up...***

***Send Them Out!***



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

*June 4, 2019*

## RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are the most important thing in our lives! Christianity is first and foremost about relationships rather than rules. It is about a Person more than a philosophy. It is about the most important relationship of all – our relationship with the God who made us. Second is our relationship with our neighbors “love others as yourself” said Jesus.

Why do I need a relationship with God? Because, until you do, you will experience emptiness within you that nothing and no-one could fill.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35). He is the only One that can satisfy our deepest hunger, the only One who makes it possible for us to be in a relationship with God. He satisfies our hunger for

- meaning and purpose in life
- life beyond death
- forgiveness

We are blessed to offer two relationship-building events this fall.

**The ALPHA course** is designed to remind us about the importance of Jesus in our lives. WHO He is; WHY He came; WHY He died and WHAT freedom means.

Pastor Gary will join us on this weekly journey September 3<sup>rd</sup> - November 12<sup>th</sup>. ALPHA will kick off on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with an introductory meet and greet and quick video to introduce the format, content and intent of the course. This is also the meeting where we will discuss our weekly dinner plans.

**SENIOR ADULT VBS**, hosted by Ed Kilbourne – singer, storyteller, humorist and folk-theologian. Ed will be concentrating on Gospel texts from the life of Jesus, teaching them in contemporary context and application. VBS will kick-off on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> with a concert at 4pm. *It's Four O'clock Somewhere!* Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at 9:30 for registration and fellowship with the keynote sessions from 10 to noon followed by lunch and laughter as we share our own stories.

Pre-registration will be required. Final date to register will be determined to facilitate time for outside groups to be invited to ensure we have between 60 and 80 participants.

So friends, BRING A FRIEND and forge new, or strengthen existing relationships. I am looking forward to spending time with you at both of these events.

In Christ,  
Charmaine

# \*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:

Wade & Linda Taplin  
Tony Taylor  
Aaron Teague, Nicole Hahna & August  
Buddy & Brenda Teague  
Alan, Jamie, Mackenzie & Madison Thornburg  
Harold & Ruthie Thornburg

## 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

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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

None

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Henry Clay Royals, III was born on Sunday, June 2 at 3:50pm to Josh & Flo Royals. He weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and was 22 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents and to Dr. Gary & Debbie Royals, the proud grandparents.



## NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Sanford Hollar, age 95, of Newton and father of Ken Hollar, died Thursday, May 20, 2019. Sanford was a WWII veteran of the US Army. The funeral service was held at 11am, Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Claremont, NC.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken, Dianne and the family during this sad time.

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David Eugene Wise, age 78, of Maiden and brother of Dianne Hollar, died Saturday, June 2, 2019 at Atrium Health Care in Lincolnton. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 4:00pm at Mays Chapel UMC in Maiden. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dianne, Ken and the family during this sad time.

## **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:

- Jun 9** 11am - Confirmation Sunday  
**Jun 9** 2:30pm - VBS Meeting (Crossroads)  
**Jun 11** 6pm - UMM - Newton Seniors (CFLC/ Kitchen 2-9pm)  
**Jun 11** 6:30pm - Mission Trip Mtg. for Group Leaders only (Faithbuilders' classroom)  
**Jun 14** 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)  
**Jun 15** 7am - UMM - Sunbelt (CFLC/Kit. 4am - 12pm)  
**Jun 15** 4-6pm Evan Punch Graduation Party (CFLC 1-7pm)  
**Jun 16** Father's Day  
**Jun 18** 6:30pm - Last Mission Trip Meeting (Faithbuilders' classroom)  
**Jun 19** Van 2 - Goodtimers' outing (TBA)  
**Jun 20** 6:30pm UMM Meeting (CFLC/Kit.)  
**Jun 23-Jun 29** Both Vans - "Leap of Faith" Mission Trip to Plymouth, NC

## PASTOR'S QUIZ



Faith, said Paul, can come

- instinctively
- by divine inspiration
- by accident
- from what is heard

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

## "Leap of Faith" Mission Trip Meetings and Commission Service

Group Chairpersons only- Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm to iron out last details and have reports from all committees together (Faithbuilder's Classroom)

Entire Team- last meeting prior to trip will be Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30. Final instructions, group prayer, last details (Faithbuilder's Classroom).

Commission Service- Sunday, June 23 at the 8:45 am worship service. Breakfast afterwards, pack up, and depart!

Sandy Baucom

## 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



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 2, 2019  
 Sunday School  
 138

Worship:	
8:45 am	146
11:00 am	164
Livestreaming	10
Total	320

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 14,813.00  
*(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)*

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.) 465.00  
 Children's Bank 7.06  
 "Leap of Faith" Mission Trip 25.00  
 Total \$ 15,310.06

Separate Deposit  
 Miracle Mom's Ministry  
 \$30.00

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

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 U.S. Postage  
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 Conover, NC

**GUESTS for Sunday, June 2, 2019**

John & Margie Fumage; Scottie Corriher; Jim & Ellen Maddox; Amber Legullon; Kaylee Wentzell; Phyllis Brown; Shawn Clark; Audrey Keisler; Don Lingerfelt; Becky Cloninger; Jason, Gabe & Haley Beech; Kalen Bolick; Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Diane Barry; Marion & Sharon Sims.



Please remember your birthdays and anniversaries this Sunday by bringing your offering to the altar. Please give \$.10 for every year old and \$.25 for every year married. This is to help the children's church bank.

**UMCOR ADVANCE# FOR US MIDWEST DONATIONS**

Donations will be accepted for UMCOR to assist those in the US who have been affected by the tornados and floods. A special offering will be received this Sunday, June 9th. Ushers will be at the exit doors to receive these offerings. If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to the church (FUMCC) and in the memo section put ADVANCE#901670.

So many individuals and families have been affected by the many tornados and flooding that have occurred in the Midwest. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by those in need.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:  
*d. from what is heard (Romans 10:17)*

**By Our Service June 9, 2019**

**Ushers:**

8:45 AM  
 11:00 AM Harold Thornburg

**Greeters:**

8:45 AM Powell & Virginia Sigmon  
 11:00 AM Tony & Jenene Nellenbach

**Acolyte:**

8:45 AM Laci Matthews  
 11:00 AM Bradley Markland

**Nursery Workers:**

8:45 AM  
 11:00 AM

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for June, Ginger Doub.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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# Fueling Faith

## Youth in Training

Our **SUMMER SPLASH** will take place at the Conover Pool on July 8, starting at 4pm.



## Vacation Bible School—July 21—25

You will be hearing A LOT about this year's VBS. VBS is conserved the best outreach tool in children's ministry. PLEASE start telling your friends, colleagues and neighbors about our VBS. Schedule visits with your grandkids! Adopt a child for VBS, bring them and stay if they need you to.

**ROAR!** takes place on a nature reserve in Africa. Irving Carter, the Gamekeeper will help children get familiar with the wildlife on his daily visits. These visits will be unlike any other!

Please consider joining this ministry, even if it is just as a spectator and Gopher this year. I guarantee you will be blessed by the precious children.

We need BIG stuffed (African) animals. If you could spare them for a week we promise we will return them back to you in the exact same condition.

Please contact Brooke Connor— [brooke.connor@alumni.lr.edu](mailto:brooke.connor@alumni.lr.edu), Pastor Charmaine— [apfd@fumconover.org](mailto:apfd@fumconover.org) or Anthony Price— [Anthony.Price@hickorychair.com](mailto:Anthony.Price@hickorychair.com)

to confirm your participation.

## VBS REWARDS

- ☺ Pre-register for a T-shirt.
- ☺ Daily attendance rewards for children.
- ☺ 5-Day participants will be eligible for special prize drawing.

**Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6**



# MORE NEWS TO USE

## 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Pictured left to right: Nathan Hentschel, Tanner Rockett, McKenzie Morrow, Evan Punch, and Alex Wilson.



## CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Pictured left to right: Evan Punch, Nicholas Joyner, Emma Hamilton, Kyle Moritz, Ashley Baucom, Jean Connor, Presenter of Scholarships, Aaron Little, Chelsea Danner, and Alex Wilson.  
Not pictured: Courtney Patterson and Ashley Markland Hite.



# EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

Hi everyone,

I want to first thank you all again from the bottom of my heart for your help and support to make Miracle Moms the success it has become. We are helping so many NICU mothers in this difficult time in their life. As this next round begins with the deadline date still to be decided I have found a few local businesses to help with some fundraisers to help generate interest in this Cause.

I'm happy to say we have shirts now ready for order with benefits going to Miracle Moms. The orders can be placed from May 26th - June 10th. After the final order date it will be a two week turn around for the shirts to come in and shirts will then be available to pick up/delivered. Payments will be accepted in cash or check and all checks payable to First United Methodist Church of Conover with the memo Miracle Moms. Orders and payments may be turned in at the church office. **ALL CHECKS WILL BE CASHED BEFORE FINAL ORDER IS PLACED.**

Sizes and prices are listed below.

Small-XL \$15

2XL \$18

3XL \$19

4XL-5XL \$20



Thank you all for your support,  
Elizabeth Conner

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## Miracle Mom Shirt

Please list the quantity of shirts you wish to order in the available space next to the size. All shirts \$15.00 unless otherwise marked. Money must be turned in with order. **ALL ORDERS DUE BY JUNE 10TH!**

\_\_\_ small    Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ medium

\_\_\_ large

\_\_\_ XL

\_\_\_ 2XL (\$18.00)

\_\_\_ 3XL (\$19.00)

\_\_\_ 4XI (\$20.00)

\_\_\_ 5XL (\$20.00)

# NEWEST MEMBERS OF FUMCC SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

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