



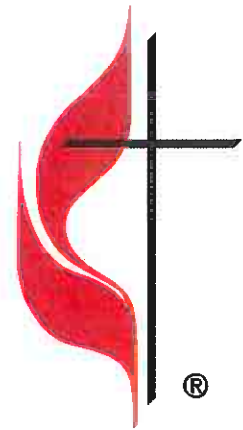
CONOVER
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

June 11, 2019

CONFIRMATION

Sunday we celebrated Pentecost and we were blessed to confirm six young people into full membership of the Church. Not many Sundays would have been more appropriate to celebrate their 'coming of age' as Church members. And yes; the capital 'C' is intended and it is important. It is important because these young people did not just become full members of Conover First United Methodist Church; they became full members of Christ's Holy Church.

Under Steve Danner's wonderful leadership these children were able to develop a true understanding of church membership. Steve led by example on many levels through his amazing Bible knowledge, his passion for Christian- and Church history, his personal encouragement to each of the candidates and their families, his countless meetings with me and allowing me to ask questions and dropping in on the class. Please take a moment to thank Steve Danner and his daughter, Chelsea when you see them next.

The Retreat with the Foundation for Christian Formation at Lake Junaluska focused on the importance of each of the membership vows and the responsibilities that will come with membership. The beautiful stoles you saw will be a 'forever reminder' of that powerful weekend. Besides the practical lessons the children experienced some other valuable moments too.

The water that was used during the Confirmation Ceremony to 'remember your Baptism' was more than just water. Each group attending the weekend was asked to bring water from their communities. Well water, tap water, water from the church tap, parsonage or youth house. Groups presented their water and shared the source before it was poured into a communal bowl. To this was added water from the Jordan River and also Lake Junaluska water. At a later ceremony, groups received their water containers back with the "blend". The lesson is that we came as one but we left as part of one. Just like Church membership!

If you ever drive by, pop into the United Methodist World History Museum on the premises of the Lake Junaluska Assembly. You will not believe the astonishingly old things they have and how 'real' our history becomes.

What a wonderful year of seeing children learn, grow and becoming part of the Church. Through many conversations with each of them I have seen in them the future leaders that they are. Please encourage them and their families in their faith walks and help them blossom into the leaders we need. Welcome Kalen Bolick, Liam Bunton, Alex Copeland, Jarrett Rheeder, Christine Van Rooyen and Michael Van Rooyen.

In Christ, Charmaigne

Note: Many of you have shared that you never 'did' confirmation. Good news, Chris Hughes, one of the presenters at the retreat will be coming to Conover soon to lead a mini retreat for adults, let's call it Adult Confirmation. Your stoles will be a treasure as well as a re-commitment to the Holy Church. Watch this space...

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:

Jeff, Kim & Lee Thornburg
Michael Thornburg
Ronald Thornburg
Wayne, Virginia & Derrick Thornburg
Wendy Robinson Thornton & Elijah
Krystal & Lionel Totherow

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

Rona Saunders at Carolina's Medical
Center (At home)

Gerald Loftin at Wake Forest Baptist
(At home)

BABY SHOWER FOR SAMANTHA SPENCER

A "Floating" Baby Shower for Samantha Spencer will be held on Sunday, June 23rd from 2:00 - 5:00 pm in the Connor Family Life Center.

It's a girl. Everyone is invited.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A Nursery Volunteer is needed at the 11am service on Sunday, June 23rd and at the 8:45am service on June 30th. If you are available and willing to help on either of these Sundays, please contact Ginger Doub at (828) 459-9675 or call the church office at (828) 464-4635. Thank you in advance for your help with this most important ministry.

RECYCLE OLD PUBLICATIONS

Please place your used Upper Room or other Christian books in the container marked "Upper Room" in the hallway behind the Sanctuary to be recycled.

Thank you,
Laurette Rheeder



NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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



CHECK OUT THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

Come and visit the library located next to the Parlor. It is organized in a user friendly way and several books have been added. The room is newly painted, thanks to the help of Harold Thornburg and we have new window shutters thanks to Gene and Beverly Swithenbank.

Thanks,
 Jeanette Stewart



PASTOR'S QUIZ



Paul described himself as a member of the tribe of

- Asher
- Benjamin
- Judah
- Reuben

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

"Leap of Faith" Mission Trip Meeting and Commission Service

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



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 9, 2019
 Sunday School
 112

Worship:	
8:45 am	111
11:00 am	154
Livestreaming	18
Total	283

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,702.50
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	100.00
Children's Bank	229.00
"Leap of Faith" Mission Trip	50.00
Miracle Mom's Ministry	300.00
Miracle Mom's T-Shirt	15.00
UMCOR	1,506.00
Total	\$ 13,902.50

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GUESTS for Sunday, June 9, 2019

Marion & Sharon Sims; Hank Beck; Malinda Kennedy; Susan Stewart; Johann & Annabella Stoltz; Karen Anderson; Priya Palmer; Sethu Palmer; Ella Arru; Jean Auton; Robin Dagenhardt; Allison Bassett; Flint Mitcha; Jack Sigmon; Terry Bolick; Jeannie Bolick.

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. Benjamin (Romans 11:1)

By Our Service June 16, 2019

Ushers:

8:45 AM Johnny Moose
 11:00 AM Harold Thornburg

Greeters:

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

Acolyte:

8:45 AM Mack Little
 11:00 AM Michael Van Rooyen

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Beverly Swithenbank
 11:00 AM Kim Connor

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for June, Ginger Doub.

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
Organist	Alex Wilson (organistfumconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396
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

MIRACLE MOM'S MINISTRY

It's that time!!

Time to start our next round of collecting donations for moms of the NICU!
Our deadline for all donations to be in is September 1st!!

We collect and make bags for moms and dads in the NICU 3 times a year. These parents are tired, stressed, anxious and scared. Their babies were born either premature or sick in some form and need extra care and are in the NICU for weeks going on months at a time. Help us help them and please donate items listed below so that we can take a little extra stress off of their shoulders so they can focus on their child's health and be there every second they can. Help us to let these families know that God loves them, he has not left their sides and has their families in his hands.

Our last round we did 50 bags, but I have a new challenge.

This round we are going to do 75 BAGS!!!

We will be dropping bags at the NICU at CVMC and Levine's NICU in Charlotte

Donations can be picked up by me or dropped off at First United Methodist Church of Conover!

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.

Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church of Conover with the memo "Miracle Mom's Ministry".

2. You can purchase items on our Amazon wish list.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35CT7W20D9CAH?ref_=wl_share

3. 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

And most importantly DEVOTION BOOKS that is what helped me most.

Stuffed animals for their baby (must be small)

Fleece blankets

Deadline is no later than September 1st!!!

Thank you,
Elizabeth Conner
Miracle Moms



The Faith of Fifty Years

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DATE



ECCCM

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc

Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of service to the community with cake cutting, agency tours, and much more.

**Saturday, October 12, 2019
2-4pm**

**ECCCM
245 East N Street, Newton**

For more information: www.ecccm.org

NEWEST MEMBERS OF FUMCC SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019



Confirmands pictured above:

Seated: Jarrett Rheeder

Left to Right: Liam Bunton, Michael Van Rooyen, Alex
Copeland, Christine Van Rooyen and Kalen Bolick