



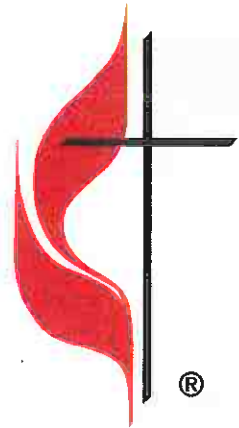
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

June 25, 2019

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 LAKE JUNALUSKA , NC

Bishop Paul L. Leeland, Ed.D. Resident and Presiding Bishop

It was my honor to serve as Lay Delegate to Annual Conference which was held June 20th through June 23rd. On Thursday, after getting registered, we had a Laity Session introduction of Nominees to be voted on this year. Friday morning we started with the balloting to elect 10 General, 10 Jurisdictional and 3 Alternate Delegates. This year we had to have a training on the new way of voting using a handheld device and voting electronically. After a couple of rounds of voting and only getting one elected, we had worship and Communion by Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., Great Plains Annual Conference. We took up a collection totaling \$33,895.00 for the NC disaster relief fund. During lunch we ran into Bob and Lois Goodson; Bob is the alternate Laity to Annual Conference. It was great to see them. After lunch we started the business session trying to elect delegates. At this point, there was no success. When we reconvened after each break, they would start off with a song. I can't sing that well. Even if I sing in the shower, the water will shut off. But when there are over 2000 people under one roof that can sing, it makes me sound a lot better. Cause, I just can't hear myself. We had opening remarks from Bishop Leeland. There were numerous committee reports to be heard, such as the Committee on Nominations and voting on the elections of new people in various committees, Plan of Organization and Rules, the Duke Endowment and Church Vitality. After our break, we witnessed the 'Recognition of Retiring Clergy.' It sure seems like there are a lot of Ministers retiring lately. Thankfully Pastor Gary is still a young man. After the Recognition ceremony, we heard reports from the Board of Laity which included UMW, UMM, and UMYF. Voting continued with 4 additional elected delegates working toward the 10 needed. Finally, it was time for dinner. That evening, we had a teaching session by Bishop Janice Riggie Huie, Leadership Formation, from the Texas Methodist Foundation.

Saturday morning began with Order of Morning Prayer followed by the annual meeting of the membership of the United Methodist Foundation of WNC, Inc. When the business session opened again, it started off with the continuing of balloting and then the report from the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. They went over this year's budget vs 2020 Proposed Budget which we voted on and approved.

We had a worship service on 'Celebration of Life' which was very nice and inspirational by our own District Superintendent, Rev. Angela Pleasants, followed by lunch. Thank goodness there was a group selling hamburgers and BoJangles even had a booth selling chicken. I was fortunate this year, due to being in recovery from surgery, that Sandy, (the better half) drove me here and got lunch for me. (Roast beef sandwich). Oh, the luxuries I receive.

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PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS

After lunch the business session began again. We were successful on electing the 10 delegates for General Conference. Now, we are voting on the 10 Jurisdictional Conference delegates. It took a few rounds, but we were successful in not only electing them but also electing 3 alternates. We heard from committees such as; Camp and Retreat Ministries, Committee on Relief, Leadership Develop Team, Church Vitality Team, Conference Board of Trustees, Conference Board of Pension, Committee on the Episcopacy, Brotherhood-Sisterhood and Connectional Ministries, just to mention a few. Then we got into some of the 23 'Petitions' to be voted on this year. Everything was going smoothly, items were being approved, except one that was controversial and a couple of motions for amendments that were voted on. In the end, everything was approved. Finally, a short dinner break, due to extended debates on the controversial petition 21. That evening the Worship Service was 'Ordination of Deacons and Elders' with Bishop Michael Lowry, Central Texas Annual Conference, preaching. Sunday morning we finished up with a Closing Worship Service with Bishop Leeland preaching.

My time at Annual Conference is very special. I see friends I haven't seen since last year and some longer than that. It's like a renewal or recharge of my faith being in a place where the Spirit of the Lord is so strong. Lake Junaluska is truly a special place.

Gerald Loftin, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference



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:

Rick & Nancy Wall
Leonard & Patricia Walling
Eddie & Carol Warren
Aaron, Krystle & Harvey Watson
Lynn & Rita Watson
Phyllis Watson

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Charles Whitlock at CVMC (At home)

THANK YOU

Hi Church Family, I just wanted to thank everyone for all the donations made to my Eagle Project! I received more than enough to complete my project. Also a big thank you for those who came out and helped! God has blessed me with a amazing church family!

Spencer Brackett

NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A Nursery Volunteer is needed at the 8:45am service on June 30th. If you are available and willing to help on this Sunday, 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.

THANK YOU FROM ECCCM

Dear Pastor & Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of 17 pounds of food during the month of May to the ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry and for volunteering with us last month! Your church worked a total of 267.5 hours with 10 volunteers during May 2019.

Thank you for partnering with us to provide nutritious food to those who hunger, strengthening the future of our community.

Rev. Robert Silber
Executive Director

**THE CHURCH'S NEXT VOLUNTEER
DATE AT ECCCM IS JULY 2, 2019**

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Martha Jones, sister-in-law of Betty Prater, died Friday, June 21, 2019, in Statesville, NC. Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty's son, Joe Jones and the family during this difficult time.

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jun 28** 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC)
July 1 - July 13 CFLC Closed for painting
July 4 Office Closed in observance of July 4th
July 7 Van - Michele Moritz's SS class
July 14 - July 20 Van 1 - Scout Camp
July 17 12pm - Goodtimers' Luncheon (CFLC/Kit)
July 18 6:30pm - UMM Meeting (CFLC/Kit.)
July 19-21 Van 2 - Girl Scouts to Gatlinburg
July 19-20 Decorate CFLC for VBS
July 21-25 VBS - 5:30 dinner/6-8pm (CFLC, etc)

PASTOR'S QUIZ



As a speaker Paul evidently thought himself to be

- superlative
- effective
- average
- weak

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



UPPER ROOMS

The July / August "Upper Room" devotional books are in the racks for you to pick up and use. One rack is located in the upper hallway by the water fountain, and the other is located on one of the tables outside the Conference Room by the offices. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going on line to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

JULY 10TH AT 11AM

We will meet at DaVinci's Italian Restaurant located at 2968 N. Center Street, Hickory, NC
 (828) 328-6101

All ladies of the church are invited to join us!



PRAYER SHAWL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019 AT 1:00PM

The Prayer Shawl Stitchers will meet in the conference room on Tuesday, July 2nd at 1pm. If you like to knit or crochet, please come join us!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 23, 2019
 Sunday School
 160

Worship:	
8:45 am	170
11:00 am	82
Livestreaming	21
Lake Junaluska	7
Total	280

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,668.90
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	1,175.00
Children's Bank	29.00
Livestreaming Fund	1,000.00
Miracle Moms Ministry	200.00
UMCOR	1,000.00
Total	\$ 15,072.90

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GUESTS for Sunday, June 23, 2019

Jack Sigmon; Jim & Ellen Maddox; Wanda, Charlie & Gage Tucker; Diane Barry; Beverly Stone; Hank Beck; Malinda Kennedy; Randy & Jeanne Abernathy; Melissa Hunsucker; Michelle & Caroline Long; Linda & Bob Kerr; Libby Deal; Gabe, Jason & Haley Beech; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Hernan Puca-Luna.

By Our Service June 30, 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
 11:00 AM Kaela Briggs

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Laurette Rheeder
 11:00 AM Ginger Doub

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for June, Ginger Doub.

A CHALLENGE FROM THE
UMM OF FUMCC

First United Methodist Church Conover's United Methodist Men's Group would like to challenge our church members for the following ministries:

We will match the first \$1,200 that the church raises for the Miracle Mom's Ministry and the first \$1,000 that the church raises for ECCCM.

Let's step up and support these two great ministries.

United Methodist Men



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
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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
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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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
d. weak (2 Corinthians 10:10; 11:6)

July 2019

July 2019							August 2019						
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28	29	30	31										

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Jun 30 - Jul 6

Jul 7 - 13

Jul 14 - 20

Jul 21 - 27

Jul 28 - Aug 3

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 J.R. Duncan	1 Armando Lagunas Brenda Novotny	2	3	4 Carol Warren	5 Dana Little Sady Little	6 Mary Ann Simpson
14	8 J.R. Duncan	9	10 Billy Boston	11 Jeanne Laws	12 Betty Fisher Kim Little Harold Thornburg Kent Walker	13
21 Kim Hentschel Beverly Swithenbank	15 Keith Hall	16 Michele Danner Brenda Putnam	17 Patsy Isaac Elijah Matson	18 Mark Hamilton	19 Elizabeth Conner	20 Ray Penley Phyllis Robinson Camden Spencer
28	22 Scott Little	23 Rona Saunders Maisha Williams	24	25	26 Samantha Hawn Sandy Loftin	27 Revonda Matthews
	29 Kaela Briggs Margaret Garrison Christy Greco	30 Sara Knecht Matthew Morrow	31 Wyatt Fulbright			

Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Scott & Andrea Little	1	2	3	4	5	6
14	8	9	10	11	12	13
21	15 Taylor & Fara Dellinger	16	17 Lee & Michele Moritz Jr. Thad & Margie Sparkman	18	19	20
28 Charlie & Tommi Anderson	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29 David & Brenda Putnam	30	31			