



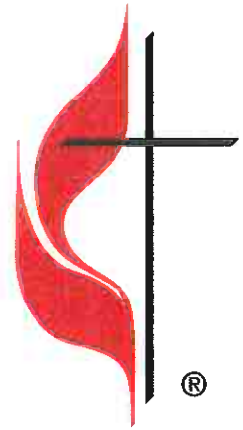
**CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST**

***Our Mission:***

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

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

***Send Them Out!***



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

*July 16, 2019*

I have been employed in the Methodist Music Ministry for over 20 years now; most of my adult life. There were a few years in the middle where I strayed but as I grew older, (Proverbs 22) I returned to path and will not depart from it. This is basically what happened:



**Psalm 40:2-3** He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

God gave me the gift of music and music leadership and allows me to use these gifts in public schools as well as the church. Now being a Methodist I find guidance in the writings of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. Wesley wrote the "Rules for Singing" that are in our hymnal and the seventh and final rule is one I particularly strive to live by. You see I truly enjoy singing, playing instruments, etc, but when it's time for worship it can't be about me, my enjoyment or my pride. Worship has to be about God, to God and for His glory alone.

*7. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.*

The Bible is full of scriptures telling us to sing, dance and even bang cymbals for the Lord. Here are a few of my favorite Bible verses about singing for the Lord:

**Psalm 30:4-5 King James Version (KJV)**

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

**Psalm 98:1** Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

**Psalm 100:1** Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

**Psalm 150:1-6** Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

**Jon Rogers**

# \*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:

Pat & Alice Woods  
Ethan Wright  
Jake Wright  
Eric, Mary Leslie, Ryan, Elec & Baker Yount  
Glenda Yount  
James Zehmer

## **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**

Betty Shell at Frye Regional MC  
(Room 266)  
Roy "Tut" Johnston at CVMC (Room 443)

## **DINNER & SINGING**

The Sharpe Bible Class is hosting an evening with Jim Avett, well known musician and father of the Avett brothers, on Saturday evening, August 3 in the CFLC.

A covered dish dinner will begin at 5:00pm. There is no charge; however, a love offering will be received. All are invited to join with us. We ask only that those in attendance bring a covered dish.

Jim will take the stage following dinner. Following his program, local pickers are invited to join him for a jam session on stage.

Please join us for a relaxing evening of music and fellowship.

Margaret Garrison  
Teacher - Sharpe Bible Class



## **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:

- July 18** 6:30pm - UMM Meeting (CFLC/Kit.)  
Safe Sanctuary & Security Training
- July 19-21** Van 2 - Girl Scouts to Gatlinburg
- July 19-20** Decorate CFLC for VBS
- July 20** 10:30am - Safe Sanctuary Training  
(CFLC) for all VBS Volunteers &  
Nursery Workers
- July 20** 11am - VBS Meeting (CFLC)
- July 21-25** VBS - 5:30 dinner/6-8pm (CFLC, etc)

## PASTOR'S QUIZ



The gospel preached by me, wrote Paul, I received from

- another man
- two other men
- three other men
- no man

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

## NEWS FROM ECCCM

Pastor & Congregation,  
Thank you so much for volunteering with us last month! Your church worked a total of 277 hours with 9 volunteers during June 2019.

As you know, 20% of homes in our community live with food insecurity. Your hard work helped alleviate that problem.

If anyone in your congregation would like to volunteer with us regularly, please contact Allen Sherrill at (828) 465-1702 or email Allen at [a.sherrill@ecccm.org](mailto:a.sherrill@ecccm.org). Thank you again for all of your hard work!

Allen Sherrill, Director of Food Pantry Operations



Dear Church Family,

I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project and am accepting donations. If you are willing and able to make a financial contribution it would be greatly appreciated. Any amount that you are financially able to contribute will be an asset to help me complete my project.

I have chosen to clean and revitalize the Huffman Family Cemetery in Conover. The estimate to complete the project is \$1,800.00.

Please make checks payable to BSA TROOP 322 with Jacob Fisher written on the memo line. All donations will go directly to my project.

Thank you for supporting me on my Boy Scout journey as I work to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Thank you in advance,  
Jacob Fisher

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence July 14, 2019  
Sunday School  
126

Worship:	
8:45 am	119
11:00 am	143
Girl Scouts	7
Livestreaming	<u>14</u>
Total	283

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 12,498.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	1,695.00
Children's Bank	24.25
ECCCM	25.00
Jacob Fisher Eagle Scout Project	150.00
Miracle Moms' Ministry	75.00
Missions/Outreach - Spec.Desig.	275.00
Open Door Homeless Ministry	<u>87.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,829.25

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**GUESTS for Sunday, July 14, 2019**

Jim & Ellen Maddox; Jane Wesdyk; H.A. & Jean Slate; Jack Sigmon; Scottie Corriher; Beverly Stone; Sharon Benfield; Larry & Donna Hanson; Jan & Dan Morelli; Cass, Joanie & Heather Taliaferro; Hank Beck; Phyllis Brown; Kelly Moose; Caroline & Kate Long; Abigail McAdams; Richard & Guynell Sears; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Evelyn Campbell; Priya Palmer; Sethu Palmer; Georgie & Sylvia Baker.

**By Our Service July 21, 2019**

**Ushers:**  
 8:45 AM Ryan Garrison  
 11:00 AM Jack Hoke

**Greeters:**  
 8:45 AM Bill & Brenda Novotny  
 11:00 AM Gaye Hoke

**Acolyte:**  
 8:45 AM Matthew Hornick  
 11:00 AM Kaela Briggs

**Nursery Workers:**  
 8:45 AM Beverly Swithenbank  
 11:00 AM Toni Smith

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for July, Laurette Rheeder.

**PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

The preschool is still 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 church. You may also call Ginger Doub @ 446-2560 and she can make a time to get the product to you on Sunday. This is a great time to get ready for 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:  
*d. no man (Galatians 1:11-12)*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
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# NEWEST MEMBERS OF FUMCC SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019



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