



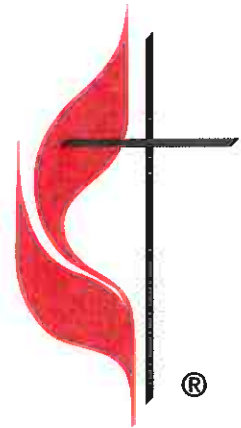
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FIRST UNITED
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

August 26, 2019

**COMING THIS FALL TO FUMC
A Marriage Enrichment Weekend!!
Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20**

Marriage is more than saying “I do.” It doesn’t stop there; in fact, the journey only begins there and then carries us through life with many twists and turns. Along the way, we often become bogged down in swamps of miscommunication, valleys of routine or dungeons of problems. Does God’s Word provide any help or solution to these seasons that we may move forward with greater love and companionship? The answer is YES!!

Beginning with a nice dinner on Friday evening and running through Sunday afternoon with a renewal of wedding vows.....Dr. Ned Martin, a certified family therapist, ordained minister and director of Spring Counseling at Lake Junaluska will be with us to lead us toward spiritual and emotional health in our marriage.

This weekend is designed to give you some dedicated time with your partner in order to reconnect, deepen your relationship with one another and experience spiritual nourishment.

The event will be useful for couples who are happy and just looking for an opportunity to focus on their relationship for a few days AND for couples who are in some distress and need some assistance in starting to find their way back toward deeper, happier connection. Most intimate relationships fall into automatic patterns of responding to one another over time. Sometimes these patterns can be corrosive to the bond between partners. Our time together will help you to identify some of the patterns in your relationship and then learn how to alter those patterns for the benefit of both partners. The more we grow in love of one another, the more we grow toward God in love.

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PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS

Schedule for "Marriage Enrichment" Weekend

Friday:

5:30pm Dinner
 6:30-7pm Introduction to the weekend
 7pm-9pm Session 1, What is love?

Saturday:

9-10:30 Session 2, The Demon Dialogues
 10:30-10:45 Break
 10:45-12:15 Session 3, Finding the Raw Spots
 12:15pm-1:30pm Lunch
 1:30-3pm, Session 4, Hold Me Tight
 3-3:15pm Break
 3:15-4:45pm Session 5, Forgiving Injuries and Conclusion
 4:45-5:15pm Questions and wrap up

Sunday Morning:

Sermon "Created for Connection"

Sunday Afternoon:

Service of Renewal of Vows

Registration is required. Please register by October 3rd by calling the church office at (828) 464-4635.

Ned Martin is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice at Lake Junaluska, NC. He is a couples specialist and a certified Emotionally Focused Therapist for couples. Along with his counseling degree, Ned also holds a Master of Divinity from Duke and is deeply interested in the intersections of psychological and spiritual needs within his patients. He leads couples workshops and offers intensive couples therapy retreats. He has served as an adjunct instructor of counseling at both Wake Forest University and Lenoir-Rhyne. Jennifer and Ned live in Haywood county with their children: Ian (7) and his twin siblings Erik and Cate (4).

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Don Barbersek (At home)
 Susan Tucker at CVMC (At home)

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Doris Safrit by:
 Charles & Pat Stevens

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Ralph Hatch's mother, Lucille (Pokey) Hatch, age 79, died Sunday, August 25, 2019 in a nursing facility in New York. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, August 29, 2019 in Pennsylvania. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ralph, Patricia, and the family during this sad time.



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:

Barbara Bruner
 George Bruner
 *J.C., Luisa & Michael Bryan
 Natasha, Liam & Allie Bunton
 Rodney & Darlene Burgess
 *Richard Butler

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Aug. 28** 6-8pm Girls' Volleyball (CFLC)
Aug. 29 6-7:30pm Preschool Open House
 (Common Area)
Sept. 2 Office Closed - Labor Day
Sept. 3 First Day of Preschool 9am-1pm
Sept. 3 7-8:30pm ALPHA Film Series (CFLC)
Sept. 5 10am-2pm Crossroads (E. Conner)
Sept. 5 7pm Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
Sept. 6 12-4pm UMM-J.T. Russell (CFLC/Kit.)
Sept. 7 9-11am - Circle #2 (Kitchen)
Sept. 8 9:50am & 12:10pm Circle #2 Box
 Lunch "TO GO" (CFLC)
Sept. 8 4pm - SPRC Meeting (Conference Rm)

MIRACLE MOMS' MINISTRY

Just a friendly reminder: last call for donations for this round of Miracle Mom bags is **September 1st**. These bags go to help the moms with babies in the NICU get through day to day life with the reminder that God has not left them or their baby and he is right there beside them. Below is a list of the number of items still needed to fill our 75 bags; Hand sanitizer (travel size)- 1; Lotion (travel size)- 39; Deodorant (travel size)- 45; Chapstick - 24; Hair bows/athletic headbands- 63 individual hair bows equaling to a total of 21 bags worth And we need 72 headbands; Nail files/polish- 38 Snacks-we have enough for each bag to have at least one snack but we welcome more for them to have at least 2; gum- 75 packs; candy- 5 bags; Gatorade/ water- 75; Adult Coloring books/crosswords- 73; colored pencils- 75; Gift cards (Walmart, target, McDonald's, Wendy's)- none have been donated or purchased yet, this is the last thing purchased and only if there is enough left to split between all bags; **DEVOTION BOOKS -75**; Stuffed animals for their baby (must be small) -75; Fleece blankets (you can get them at Walmart usually, the ones rolled up already that way they fit in the bag) - 74



PASTOR'S QUIZ



The "handwriting of ordinances that was against us," Jesus

- enforced
- reinforced
- altered
- nailed to His cross

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

CIRCLE 2 BOX LUNCH "TO GO" FUNDRAISER **September 8, 2019**

All funds raised will go to local missions. The Box Lunch "To Go" will include your choice of Chicken Salad or Ham and Cheese sandwich on a croissant roll, potato chips and dessert for **\$8.00**. **An order form is located as an insert in this Newsletter.** You may pick up an order form from a basket in the Narthex or you may call in your order to Rita Watson at 828-465-0366 or Vata Shook at 828-256-2490 (If no answer, please leave a message with your order information.)

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 25, 2019
 Sunday School
 153

Worship:	
8:45 am	181
11:00 am	121
Livestreaming	15
Total	317

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,448.40
 (Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Boy Scout Troop #322	25.00
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	650.00
Children's Bank	12.00
Gideon's International Ministry	100.00
Total	\$ 12,235.40

**Correction to last week's report in Newsletter: Gideon's was \$924.42, not \$942.42 as reported.

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GUESTS for Sunday, August 25, 2019

Jack Sigmon; Adam, Erin, Landon, Harper & Delaney Clawson; Cheryl Gragg; John & Margie Furmage; Bryan, Donna & Jessie Ross; Hank Beck; Phyllis Brown; Audrey Keisler; H.A. & Jean Slate; Kathy, Samantha & Christian Leonard; Becky Cloninger; Malinda Kennedy; Don Lingerfelt.

By Our Service September 1, 2019

Ushers:

8:45 AM Pierre Rheeder
 11:00 AM Bob Goodson

Greeters:

8:45 AM Laurette Rheeder
 11:00 AM Lois Goodson

Acolyte:

8:45 AM Jacob Sierzenga
 11:00 AM Bradley Markland

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Laurette Rheeder
 11:00 AM Kim Connor

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for September, Melissa Johnson.

**CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT
LAITY TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES**

The Catawba Valley District has upcoming Training Opportunities available for our laity:

CATAWBA VALLEY LAY SERVANT TRAINING:

These will be the last Lay Servant training courses offered in our district for 2019

Sunday afternoons: Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2019

**First UMC (Morganton)
 200 N King Street, Morganton, NC**

Visit <https://wnc-req.brtapp.com/LayServantCoursesFall2019> for more information and to register.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
*d. nailed to His cross
 (Colossians 2:14)*

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
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Organist	Alex Wilson (organistfumconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396
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Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
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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

Fueling Faith

Youth in Training

For ages K through 5th grade.

Join us this year as "We Play. We learn. We pray. We play."

Bring your friends, even if they do not belong to our congregation.

We will have a Parent, Pizza, Planning, Ping Pong & Plenty of Ice Cream Party next month. Watch this space!!



"Perspective"

A 3-day morning program for our Senior Adults

One of the valuable things we lose with age is our perspective. As the T-shirt says, we've "been there, done that" so many times it's difficult to see and experience familiar things in new and meaningful ways. We grow tired and numb to the "same old, same old". The Bible is one of those familiar things we often hear but don't really hear. We hear with our ears but not with our hearts. On September 23-25, singer, storyteller and folk-theologian, Ed Kilbourne will bring his gifts of music, humor and teaching to take us to higher ground - a place of new perspective and insight that some have described as "just sitting down with Jesus", a chance to experience the old stories with new eyes and ears. Imagine the monologues of Garrison Keillor with the music of Jimmy Buffett and you're almost there.

We will gather in the Connor Family Life Center at 9:30 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for coffee and fellowship then from 10-12 each day we will have the chance to explore the Gospel from a new perspective. If you can't attend all three days, it's okay to come for one or two. Sign up after church or call the church office. And bring your friends along. They will thank you!

Monday thru Wednesday mornings, September 23-25

9:30 Arrive, refreshments served

10:00-12:00 Sessions

12:00 Light lunch

☞ **Required group size** by presenter is 30 people. Invite all your friends; sign up a.s.a.p.

Have questions? Contact Charmaine

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: apfd@fumconover.org / Text : (781) 913-4415

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Circle 2 BOX LUNCH "TO GO" Fund Raiser Order Form

Includes choice of Chicken Salad or Ham and Cheese sandwich on a croissant roll, potato chips, and dessert.

When: September 8, 2019

Where: Connor Family Life Center

Time: Can be picked up after each Sunday Service

How: Please fill out the form below

Please leave the form in a basket in the narthex, or you may call in your order to Rita on 465-0366 or Vata on 256-2490 (If no answer, please leave a message with your order information)

Name: _____

No. of Chicken Salad \$8 each _____	Total \$ _____
No. of Ham and Cheese \$8 each _____	Total \$ _____
	Total Order \$ _____

September 2019

September 2019							October 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	Wa	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30												

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 1	10am Van-Michele M	6pm Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC) LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED (LABC)	01st Day of Preschool 10:45-11:45am - Pray 1pm Prayer Shawl (Cot) 3pm UpperRm BS (Cla) 7-8:30pm-ALPHA Cou	7pm Choir practice (C)	10am-2pm Miracle M 7pm Hand & Foot car 7pm Scout Roundtabl	12-2pm UMM-J.T.Russ 7pm Domino's (Faithb)	9am-11am Circle 2 (K)
8	10 & 12 - Circle 2 Sant 4pm-SPRC Meeting (C)	2pm Circle #2 (Confert) 6pm Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7-9pm Cub Leader Mtg 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	10:45-11:45am - Prave 3pm UpperRm BS (Cla) 6pm-UMM-Newton S 7-8:30pm-ALPHA Cou	1pm Queen Esthers M 6-8pm Girl's Volleyball 7pm Choir practice (C)	11am-2pm Shamir Gri 7pm Hand & Foot car 7pm-Lay Leadership C	6:30pm Girl Scouts (CF) 7pm Domino's (Faithb)	2-4pm Bridal Shower
15	1-3pm Wedding Show 5:45pm Fin. Comm. M 7pm Church Council N	6pm Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Circle #5 (Conf. r)	10:45-11:45am - Prave 3pm UpperRm BS (Cla) 7-8:30pm-ALPHA Cou	12pm Goodtimers Lun 6-8pm Girl's Volleyball 7pm Choir practice (C)	6:30pm UMM Meeting 7pm Hand & Foot car	7pm Domino's (Faithb)	09:30am-UMW (Conf.) 6pm UMM-Rising Hop
22	4pm-Adult VBS (CFLC)	10-12 -Adult VBS (CFL) 6pm Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	10-12 -Adult VBS (CFL) 3pm UpperRm BS (Cla) 7-8:30pm-ALPHA Cou	10-12 -Adult VBS (CFL) 6-8pm Girl's Volleyball 7pm Choir practice (C)	7pm Hand & Foot car	6:30pm Girl Scouts (CF) 7pm Domino's (Faithb)	
29		6pm Cub Scouts (CFLC) 7pm Boy Scouts (CFLC)	Oct 1				

Sep 1 - 7

Sep 8 - 14

Sep 15 - 21

Sep 22 - 28

Sep 29 - Oct 5

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Allie Bunton Barbara Hager Cameron Myers	Ashley Baucom Lee Moritz Jr.	Bill Harris Anita Huffman Steven Myers Derrick Thornburg	Mary Ann Cooke	Carol Dickinson	Taylor Dellinger James Igims Richard Sears	Jean Connor Kevin McDuffie Shannon Rogers
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Jeanne Abernathy Junior Deal Jr.	Andrea Curotolo Caroline Williams	Joyce Lagunas Brody Mason Courtney Patterson Cynthia Sherbert	Erin Moritz Betsy Walker	Lois Goodson Dianne Hollar		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Billy Sprouse	Claire Alexander Anne Barrier Max Miller	Kenneth Johnson Linda Parker	Shirley Elliott Kyle Moritz	Jeanette Stewart	Thad Sparkman	
29	30					
	Michael Harris Cliff Wike					

Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Jerry & Terry Shepherd	Keith & Tommie Hall	Junior & Anita Deal Jr. Tut & Martha Johnston	Mike & Greta Induni John & Cynthia Sherbert John & Charmaine Van Rooyen	Bruce & Michelle Cloninger Don & Cheryl Hedrick		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Mike & Anne Spencer	Alan & Melissa Fisher	Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar	Michael & Laurie Cashion		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Wayne & Virginia Thornburg	Bob & Cathy Choppa Tony & Kathy Martin	Bill & Jenny Harris			
29	30					
	Michael & Debbie Moritz					