



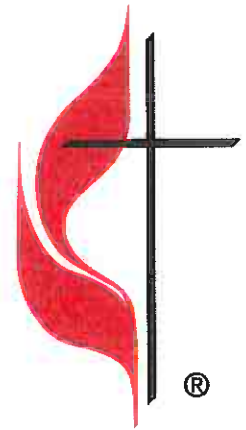
CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST

***Our Mission:***

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

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

***Send Them Out!***



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

*October 15, 2019*

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 PM**

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will take care of the required business of the church as outlined for us in the Book of Discipline, particularly the approval of salaries and leadership nominations for 2020. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our church in the past year as we seek to “bring them in, build them up and send them out.” We will be joined by another UM Charge as they hold their Charge conference with us: the St. Paul UMC and Lebanon UMC led by my friend and colleague, Reverend Derek Cline.

During this time, I will address the topic “The Future of the United Methodist Church” as we move closer to General Conference to be held May 5 - 15, 2020 in Minneapolis. Using a Powerpoint presentation, I will share with you “everything I know” about the legislations which will come before the Conference for vote and the implications for each one for us as a church. All church members are invited to attend this meeting and for the matters upon which we must vote, the members of the Church Council have this responsibility.

So, put this on your calendar and it will be a time of deliberation, information sharing and, I believe, celebration of who we are: “the people called Methodist.”

**DR. GARY**

# \*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:

Jim & Jeanette Davis  
Junior & Anita Deal  
Justin & Layla Deal  
Mark & Rita Deal  
Brian Dellinger  
Taylor & Fara Dellinger

## **DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!**

Pauline Parker at Conover Nursing & Rehab  
(Room 316);

Rick Parker at Catawba Valley Living at  
Rock Barn (Room 107)

Betty Shell at Autumn Care of Statesville  
(Room 402)

LaVerna Wilson  
4801 Edwards Mill Rd.  
Raleigh, NC 27612-4417

Grace Whitlock  
The Dorchester  
12920 Dorman Road  
Pineville, NC 28134

Fred Fisher at Clinic of Abernethy Laurels  
(Room 231) 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

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Don Barbersek, 609 2nd Ave. NW  
Conover, NC 28613

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237  
Conover, NC 28613

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**

Jim Davis at CVMC (At home)

## **NOTES OF SYMPATHY**

Junior Calloway, age 86 of Connelly Springs and brother of Buck Calloway, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019. The family received friends on Sunday, Oct. 6th at Sunrise Baptist Church from 2-3pm. A Celebration of Life service followed at 3pm. The burial was private. Our thoughts and prayers are with Buck & Anne and the family during this sad time.

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Cynthia Puckett, age 62 of Claremont and sister of Ray Penley, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019. The family received friends on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 1-1:45pm at North Newton Baptist Church. A Celebration of Life service was held at 2:00pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray, Pam and the family during this sad time.



## **CHURCH...YOU ARE INVITED**

The honor of your presence is requested  
at the marriage of

*Joni Leigh Icard*  
and  
*Derrick Ralph Thornburg*

November 2nd  
2019 / 2:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church  
Conover, NC

*Reception to follow*

# NEWS TO USE

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 17** 6:30pm - UMM - (CFLC/Kitchen 2-9pm)  
**Oct. 18-Oct. 20** 5:30pm Friday - Marriage Enrichment Weekend (CFLC) Sat. 9am - Sun. 4pm (Service-Sanctuary) 5pm Cake cutting (CFLC)  
**Oct. 19 - Oct. 26** Van 1 & Trailer - UMM - Beach Trip  
**Oct. 20** 3-8pm - Youth Ministry Teams (Sanc./GH/CFLC)  
**Oct. 21** Preschool Closed  
**Oct. 22** 7-8:30pm - ALPHA Film Series (Sanctuary)  
**Oct. 25** Set up for Harvest Festival  
**Oct. 26** 11am-4pm - Kitchen - Keith Hall  
**Oct. 26** 3-7pm - Harvest Festival (Shell House)  
**Oct. 27** 2-4pm - Alan & Jamie Thornburg (CFLC)  
**Oct. 27** 4pm - Charge Conference (Sanctuary)

## PASTOR'S QUIZ



"I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion," wrote Paul, referring to his

- first defense
- last trip
- last illness
- last temptation

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

## ECCCM 2019 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

This is a reminder that FUMCC's volunteer day at ECCCM will be Tuesday, November 5th.

If anyone would like to volunteer regularly, please contact Allen Sherrill at (828) 465-1702 or at [a.sherrill@ecccm.org](mailto:a.sherrill@ecccm.org).

Thank you again for all of your hard work!

Sincerely,

Allen Sherrill  
 Director of Food Pantry Operations

## BAKED GOODS FOR "HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR JESUS" ON OCTOBER 26

We need baked goods (homemade or purchased) for the Cake Walk at the "Harvest Festival for Jesus". If you have not seen the clipboard where people have signed up, we will circulate it again. If you miss signing up, the clipboard will be in the Narthex after both services. Even if you forget to sign up, we still need your baked goods for our Cake Walk! Thank you so much for anything you may be able to contribute!

Barbara Hager and Connie Henderson



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence October 13, 2019  
 Sunday School  
 123

Worship:	
8:45 am	157
11:00 am	125
Livestreaming	16
Total	298

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,143.55
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	360.00
Children's Bank	18.00
Harvest Festival	783.00
UMCOR Adv. 982450	50.00
Total	\$ 12,354.55

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**GUESTS for Sunday, October 13, 2019**

Hernan Puqa-Luna; Beverly Stone; Don Lingerfelt;  
 Becky Cloninger; Sharon Benfield; Gary & Sharon  
 Keuper; Angelilea Hamilton; Haley Beech; Randy  
 Pennell; John & Margie Furnage; Jack Sigmon;  
 Gage Tucker; Judy Lail.

**By Our Service October 20, 2019**

**Ushers:**

8:45 AM Jerry Shepherd  
 11:00 AM Harold Thornburg

**Greeters:**

8:45 AM Terry Shepherd  
 11:00 AM

**Acolyte:**

8:45 AM Mack Little  
 11:00 AM Tyler Johnson

**Nursery Workers:**

8:45 AM Diane Howard  
 11:00 AM Kim Connor

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for  
 October, Angela Garrison.

**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:  
 a. first defense (2 Timothy 4:16-17)

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (apfd@fumcconover.org)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumcconover.org)
Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Organist	Alex Wilson (organistfumcconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	(828) 464-3423
Facsimile	www.fumcconover.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

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

In one week we will be welcoming hundreds of guests onto our property to enjoy the Harvest Festival for Jesus. We will extend friendship and the love of Jesus to our guests as they enjoy bouncy houses, cake walks, hotdogs, live music and lots of carnival games with cool prizes and of course the many stops for candy along the way.

We still have expenses that need to be covered and for that we need your help. This coming week the ushers will receive a special offering after both services. We need everyone's help to show our community what Church means. Thank you to everyone that has already committed to participate, volunteer or provide for this event.

**Charmaine Van Rooyen**  
Assistant Pastor of Faith Development



## "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" SHOEBOX MINISTRY

**PACK A SHOEBOX!!!** We are acting on First United Methodist Church Conover's mission statement by participating in Operation Christmas Child.



- We are **BRINGING IN** shoeboxes (thank you youth for assembling them for us!)
- Now let us **BUILD THEM UP** with toys, school supplies and hygiene items;
- Then we will **SEND THEM OUT** with prayer and funding knowing God will oversee their delivery to people living in the middle of nowhere including islands, deserts and places where there are no churches. We Conover missionaries are sharing things for children **BUT** greater than that we are sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ. Go worldwide as a Conover Missionary!

Tommi Anderson



## PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BANK MONEY

The money collected in the Children's Bank for the last two weeks in June through September totaling \$1,033.32 was presented to the NC Boys' Academy. Pictured at left are some of the children from the 8:45am service along with two of the boys and John Steigerwald, director of the NC Boys' Academy and Dr. Gary.

## COUNTRY DIRECTOR OF PROJECT AGAPE



**Nara Melkonyan** was born in 1966 in Yerevan in the family of an engineer-architect and a gynecologist-obstetrician. She went to one of the

English secondary schools in Yerevan. Graduated it in 1983 and enrolled the same year in the Yerevan State University in the department of Oriental Studies, getting a bachelor's degree in Persian language and literature. She got her master's degree in Political Science and International Affairs in 1996 becoming one of the second graduates of that department at the American University of Armenia which is an affiliate of the University of California. Nara started working towards getting her PhD afterwards passing all the minimum examinations. The work at Project AGAPE prevented her from completing her thesis and getting the PhD. Her work experience started in 1984, when she worked at a publishing house in Yerevan, then in the House of Political Enlightenment of the Armenian SSR. Later she taught Persian language and literature in one of the colleges in Yerevan. She was the Admissions coordinator at the American University of Armenia prior to working at Project AGAPE and has been the Country Director of Project AGAPE in Armenia since 1997.

For two decades, Project AGAPE has led a number of projects, which continue to serve people in Spitak – the town destroyed by the devastating earthquake of 1988, in Kashatagh region of Republic of Karabagh and in border villages. Examples include: building teams; the Cattle Project; Christmas Shoe Boxes; distribution of humanitarian aid; and housing Syrian refugees.



Special Presentation by

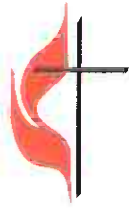
## Nara Melkonyan

Country Director of Project AGAPE  
in Armenia since 1997.

Wednesday, October 30th @ 12:00pm  
LUNCH & PRESENTATION

**Mt Pleasant UMC**  
4136 Mt Pleasant Rd  
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

Project AGAPE - a ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters - is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church.



## First United Methodist Church

410 FIRST AVENUE, NORTH  
Conover, North Carolina 28613

Dear friends and members of FUMC,

I truly could not be more excited at what is happening in our church! The growth, the Spirit and the dedication of our people are truly remarkable and contagious. THIS is the reason we are increasing, for people want to be part of something which is making a difference in many lives. So, let me say a heartfelt THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to the Trustees and many others, we continue to make many quality updates to our facility. We are within \$25,000 of paying off our capital campaign for the purchase of the Shell property. Our preschool continues to offer a Christ centered, ministry based service to children and their families in our community. We have added to our "spiritual menu" the "walk to Jerusalem" which brought in 200 people from our church and community over two nights. We had a "full house" once again for our "Hoops for Christ" with over 100 children and youth participating. Our music ministry continues to grow in number and spirit as, each Sunday, they bless our hearts with beautiful music and lead us in worship. Now we have put together a Long Range planning committee called the "Joel Committee" as we look into God's future for our church in the areas of ministries, staff and facilities. WE ARE GROWING and in order to continue this...we must expand in every area.

So we must keep moving forward as God continues to bless and open up new avenues of service and growth. Our stewardship emphasis will continue to be "Total Stewardship." Giving of our treasures and resources is very important for us to continue moving forward, but, just as important, is the commitment of our "Time and Talents" for service. So, not only are you receiving an "estimate of giving" card this year, but also a "menu" of the many areas of service and ministry in which you can serve. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help us as we move into 2020 AND the area(s) you feel God is calling you to serve. Sunday, November 10 is COMMITMENT SUNDAY when you will have the opportunity to bring to the altar, your "estimate of giving" card and your service commitment sheet. These are included in this newsletter but extras will also be available in the church narthex on that Sunday. Prayerfully complete these and bring them with you on that Sunday.

My sermon on Sunday, November 3 will be entitled "Visions and Miracles Among Us" as I will provide information, inspiration and vision for what we need to do to move forward into a new year with the privilege of making a difference. I will share with you the decision of the finance committee regarding our 2020 ministry budget as well as the giving profile of our congregation. Please plan to be present that day as we prepare our hearts for the "next chapter" which God has in store for us. As we each promised when we joined the church, let us support the church with our "prayers, attendance, gifts, service and witness." Thank you, each of you, for your heart for Christ and commitment to the Gospel!!

Gary

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**THROUGH GOD'S HELP, I WILL COMMIT MYSELF TO DO HIS WORK THROUGH  
CONOVER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BY VOLUNTEERING FOR:**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
1	Office Volunteer	Newsletter/bulletin inserts; Directory Updates
2	Safety/Bus Committee	
3	Bus/Van Driver	Are you able and willing to drive the van?
4	Calligraphy	For certificates and special invitations
5	Computer Data Input/Spreadsheets	As needed
<b>AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES</b>		
<b>NURSERY Ministry</b>		
6	Serve as Monthly Coordinator	Contact person for volunteers for a month.
7	Nursery 1x/month 8:45am	
8	Nursery 1x/month 11:00	
9	Teach Sunday school	
<b>CHILDREN'S Ministry</b>		
10	Teach Sunday School	
11	Substitute in Sunday School	
12	Helper in Sunday School	
13	Vacation Bible School	5 day evening event in July
14	Children's Choir – Director	
15	Children's Choir – Pianist	
16	Children's HandBells	
17	Easter4Kids Volunteer	Sat. 10am - 12. Storytellers, snacks, games
18	Youth in Training Volunteer	K - 5th grade ministry. Faith and Fun activities
19	Godly Play Storyteller	This is a new ministry.
20	Godly Play Door Person	This is a new ministry.
21	Godly Play Resource Builder	Carpenters needed
22	Children's Productions	
<b>YOUTH Ministry</b>		
23	Teach Sun. School - High	
24	Teach Sun. School - Middle	
25	Assist in Sun. School - High	
26	Assist in Sun. School - Middle	Current teachers may need partners. Should you wish to help, connect with them or our Sunday School Superintendent, Julie Patterson.
27	Substitute Sun. School - High	
28	Substitute Sun. School - Middle	
29	Volunteer Youth Worker	Charles and Mary Hornick would love to hear from you.
30	Volunteer Youth Chaperone	
31	Serve Youth Snack Suppers	Steve and Michelle Danner can use your help.
32	Help w/Work Projects	
33	Transportation for Work Projects	
34	Youth Drama	Encourage your youth to participate
35	Youth Praise Team	Encourage your youth to participate
36	Youth Dance Team	Encourage your youth to participate
37	Youth Mentor	Do you have a few minutes each week to encourage a young person?



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	<b>COLLEGE Ministry</b>	
38	Adopt one out-of-town student	Send cards of encouragement
39	Disciple one Student	
40	Host Retreat (Lake/ Mountain House)	
	<b>YOUNG ADULT Ministry</b>	
41	Substitute Sunday School	
42	Lead Small Group Study	
43	Host Retreat (Lake/ Mountain House)	
	<b>ADULT Ministry</b>	
44	Teach Sunday School	
45	Lead Small Group Study	
46	One-on-One Tutoring	This might be a new ministry.
47	Library Volunteer	Our Library Committee would love to have you!
	<b>OLDER ADULT Ministry</b>	
48	Snr Adult VBS Host	Set up tables, refreshments, order lunches etc.
49	Wesleyan Way Host	Set up tables, refreshments, order lunches etc.
	<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &amp; OUTREACH</b>	
50	Easter4Kids	Also under Children's Ministries
51	Walk to Jerusalem (Prayer Walk)	Décor, night of as attendants on the path
52	National Day of Prayer	greeter, replace candles as needed
53	Vacation Bible School	Director & Volunteer slots available
54	Harvest Festival for Jesus	Help host; set up; tear down; behind the scenes
55	Blood Donor	Not currently a ministry
56	Blood Drive Worker	Not currently a ministry
57	Prison Ministry	Not currently a ministry
58	Substance Abuse Ministry	Not currently a ministry
59	Victims Support	Not currently a ministry
60	Family Issues/Concerns	Pastor Gary or Charmaigne
	<b>CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT</b>	
61	Lay Minister Program	Sign up for training
62	Hospital Ministry	Visit
63	Shut-In Ministry	Visit
64	Nursing Home Ministry	Visit
65	Caretaker Support	New ministry in 2020
66	Card Ministry	
67	Transportation – Elderly Appointments	As needed
68	Active Military Support	Cards; occasional care package
69	Veteran's Dinner	Support and Host
70	Prayer Shawl Knit/Crochet	Demand is higher than supply. Please join us!
71	Parlor Host for Funerals	Prepare parlor, set out water, Kleenex, toys
72	Grief Crisis Support	
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	<b>EVANGELISM</b>		
73	Bread Ministry		
74	New Member Photography		8:45 and 11:00 Worship Services. Please indicate.
75	Social Media/Contributor		Facebook, Instagram etc.
76	Church Website/Contributor		
77	Publicity		Getting our events in all local media outlets
	<b>FOOD SERVICE / HOSPITALITY</b>		
78	Sunday Morning Coffee Station		Brew, fill up and clean up
79	Snack Supper		Provide/serve when needed
80	Funeral Meal Contributor		We will add your name to the call list
81	Funeral Meal Server		As needed
82	Special Event Volunteer/Server		As needed
	<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>		
83	Angel Tree Christmas Program		Shop, donate, support
84	Church Safety Team		Parking, Safe Sanctuary, Facilities during events
	<b>MISSIONS - LOCAL</b>		
85	Spiritual Follow-Up		As needed
86	Financial Counseling		To those who desire to be helped
87	Financial Peace University Facilitator		
88	ALPHA Host		Facilitate this small group study anywhere
89	ECCCM Volunteer		Eddie Warren has details
90	Corner Table Volunteer		
91	Serve on Work Team		Mission Trips
92	Building Team		Local: wheelchair ramps, fixing porches/steps
	<b>MISSIONS - NATIONAL &amp; WORLD</b>		
93	Serve on Work Team		Mission trips
94	Pray for Missionary		
95	Correspond with Missionary		
96	Operation Christmas Child		Shoebboxes for Christmas
	<b>LEISURE MINISTRIES</b>		
97	Good Timers' Fellowship		For Senior Adults
98	Hoops for Christ Coordinator		6-week Basket Ball program (Nov-Jan)
99	Hoops for Christ Coach		6-week Basket Ball program (Nov-Jan)
100	Hoops for Christ Asst. Coach		6-week Basket Ball program (Nov-Jan)
101	Hoops for Christ Banquet		6-week Basket Ball program (Nov-Jan)
102	Lead Exercise Program		Much needed and much requested
103	Girl Scouts		Debbie Moritz
104	Boy Scouts		Gerald Loftin
105	Cub Scouts		Gerald Loftin
106	9-Square		Mary and Charles Hornick

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	<b>MUSIC</b>		
107	Adult Choir 11:00		Jon Rogers
108	Worship and Praise Team 8:45		Shannon Rogers
109	Play an Instrument (Specify)		Shannon Rogers
110	Handbells		Kelle Love. Occasional performances
	<b>PRAYER MINISTRIES</b>		
111	Prayer Support for Ministries		Participate from home
112	Prayer Chain		Receive calls for emergency prayer needs
113	Weekly Prayer Group		Tuesdays 10:45 - 11:45 in the Parlor
114	National Day of Prayer Volunteer		1st Thursday in May
115	Mobile Prayer Kits		Put together, deliver and replace
	<b>RELIGIOUS DRAMA</b>		
116	Acting/Directing		Occasionally during worship services
117	Costumes		Sewing, cleaning, mending
118	Make-Up		
119	Scenery		Paint, build, set up, decorate
120	Sound		We will train you!
121	Liturgical Dance		
	<b>WORSHIP</b>		
122	Audio Visual Team 8:45		Jeff Thornburg
123	Audio Visual Team 11:00		Jeff Thornburg
124	Greeter 8:45		Greet worshippers
125	Greeter 11:00		Greet worshippers
126	Safety Team		Patrol and monitor facility during worship
127	Parking Usher		
128	Usher 8:45		Greet, bulletins, assist worshippers, offering
129	Usher 11:00		Greet, bulletins, assist worshippers, offering
130	Acolyte Coordinator 8:45		Assist in getting acolytes robed and ready
131	Acolyte 8:45		ANYONE can help
132	Acolyte Coordinator 11:00		Assist in getting acolytes robed and ready
133	Acolyte 11:00		ANYONE can help
134	Children's Moments		3 - 5 minute message to children
	<b>WORSHIP AREA SUPPORT</b>		
135	Special Decorations		e.g. Christmas
136	Sanctuary Care		Tidying up, setting up
137	Altar Guild		Setting up altar and paraments
138	Pew Ministry (Attendance Pads, Pens)		Weekly collecting of pages. Pens as needed
139	Assembling Guest Bags		Periodically as needed
140	Communion Steward		Providing, setting out and clearing up elements

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	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
141	Wherever the Church Needs Me		
142	Other (Specify)		

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