



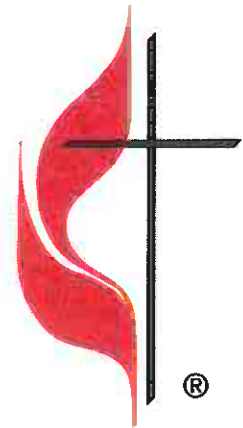
CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
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*Our Mission:*

*Bring Them In...*

*Build Them Up...*

*Send Them Out!*



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

*November 12, 2019*

### UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Don't miss the Advent and Christmas services during the month of December listed below:

**Sunday, December 1** ....We will observe Holy Communion as we enter the Advent Season. The message is entitled: *Do You Know the Story?*

**Sunday, December 8** ....We will have our regular services at 8:45am and 11:00am with the sermon title ... **"Christmas: Our Aha Moment"**

**Sunday, December 15** .... The Chancel choir will present the Christmas Cantata "Messiah: Heaven's Glory". **This will be performed at both 8:45am and 11:00am services.**

**Sunday, December 15** .... **"Birthday Party for Jesus"** .... All children, birth to Grade 5 and families are invited to hear the story of Jesus' birth in a way never before heard!! This will be at 5:00pm in the Connor Family Life Center.

**Sunday, December 22** .... We will have both of our regular services that day, at 8:45am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary. The sermon will be entitled: **"When You Follow a Star and Find a Stable"**

**Christmas Eve ....Tuesday, December 24** .... We will relive the greatest story ever told through Scripture readings, carols and hymns, special music and candlelight.

**Please take note of the new times and services:**

**4:00 - 5:00 ——— Candle lighting Service**

**5:15 - 5:45 ——— Come and Go Communion**

**6:00 - 7:00 ——— Candle lighting Service**

**\*\*You can either come to the first service and then stay for Communion or you can come for Communion and stay for the second service.**

**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:

Michael, Christy, Brandon & Andy Greco  
Barbara Hager  
Eli Hailey  
Keith & Tommie Hall  
Mark, Rachel & David Hamilton  
Ronnie & Jean Hampton

### MEETINGS: SUNDAY, NOV. 17

**5:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting**  
(Conference room)  
**7:00pm - Church Council Meeting**  
(Clark classroom)

### 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)

LaVerna Wilson

4801 Edwards Mill Rd.

Raleigh, NC 27612-4417

Grace Whitlock

(Living with her daughter)

9932 Hanover Hollow Drive

Charlotte, NC 28210

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

Terry Shepherd at Frye Regional MC  
Nancy Clarke at CVMC (At home)

### NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Elizabeth (Betty) Shell, age 89 and a charter member of FUMCC, died Saturday, November 9 at Autumn Care in Statesville, NC.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, November 13th at 2:00pm. A gathering will be held in the CFLC after the service for those who wish to speak to the family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gail Williams, Carol Zachary and the families during this sad time.



### PLEDGE CARDS, TIME & TALENT SHEETS

If you haven't already done so, you can turn in your Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets to the church office Monday - Thursday 8am-12 noon and 1-4pm. Thank you.



### ATTENTION: GOODTIMERS

We will have a pizza luncheon on Wednesday, November 20th at 12 noon in the Connor Family Life Center. Join us for a variety of pizzas, desserts and fellowship with other Goodtimers! If you are able to bring a dessert, please contact Eddie Warren at (828) 464-9643. Thank you.

# NEWS TO USE

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 14** 7pm Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
- Nov. 16** 9am-12pm "Hoops" sign-ups (CFLC)
- Nov. 16** 9:30am - UMW (Conference room/Common Area)
- Nov. 16** 9am until - Set-up of CFLC for Youth Sunday
- Nov. 17** 9:30am-10:15am Sunday school
- Nov. 17** 10:30am Youth Sunday (CFLC)
- Nov. 17** 2pm - Harvest Festival Follow-up Meeting (Conf. room)
- Nov. 17** 4-5pm Elizabeth Conner (CFLC/FB)
- Nov. 17** 5pm - Finance Comm. Meeting (Conf. room)
- Nov. 17** 7pm - Church Council Meeting (Clark class)

## PASTOR'S QUIZ



According to Hebrews, the Son is able to succor those who are tempted, because He

- a. disposes of greater power than the devil
- b. is the Son of God
- c. Himself has been tempted
- d. Himself has been innocent of temptation

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

## ATTENTION HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

\*\*\*\*\*ONE LAST MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

The Harvest Festival Committee will have one last 2019 Meeting to follow-up to this years event.

All those who helped to plan the Festival are requested to attend. re-

We will discuss.....

1. Our success in Christ, bringing in the Sheep!!
2. What may need to be changed for next year
3. What may need to be added for next year
4. Crowd reaction
5. Church reaction
6. Total expenditures
7. Set date and time for next year
8. Miscellaneous

Time 2:00 PM                      Date November 17th  
Where: Conference Room

**YOUTH SUNDAY - NOV. 17th**  
**ONLY ONE SERVICE**  
**@ 10:30AM in the CFLC**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL will be from**  
**9:45 - 10:15AM**



**UMW MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, NOV. 16TH**  
**9:30AM**  
**(Conference Room & Common Area)**



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**SUNDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2019**  
**6:00PM**

**COVENANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**2968 HUGHEY DRIVE**  
**NEWTON, NC 28658**

**Speaker: Dr. Gary Royals**  
**Host Bishop, Rev. Don W. Bledsoe**  
**Host Pastor, Rev. Ron Carson**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence November 10, 2019  
Sunday School  
136

Worship:	
8:45 am	164
11:00 am	119
Livestreaming	8
Total	291

<b>God's Tithe &amp; Our Gifts</b>	
General Fund	\$ 17,502.76
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	595.00
Children's Bank	7.00
Total	\$ 18,104.76

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**GUESTS for Sunday, November 10, 2019**  
 Jack Sigmon; Emmett & Jane Wike; Haley Beech;  
 Michael & Glenda Korn; Bud Zehmer;  
 Jeanne Alwood; Joanie, Cass & Heather  
 Taliaferro; Teresa Myers; Shane Cashion;  
 Mark & Lynn Murphy.



**"HOOPS FOR CHRIST"  
 BASKETBALL**

"Hoops for Christ" is one of FUMCC's largest outreach programs. For this program to continue to be successful, we need your help!

We need coaches for all ages, K-2nd, 3rd - 5th and 6th-8th. No experience is necessary.

We will have 6 game days and will have 6 games on each of these days, which means we will need 36 devotion slots filled. Will you consider stepping up to do a devotion (or several, you're not limited to just one)?

There are lots of people who come to our church through this program and many of them may not know Christ. This is an opportunity for our congregation to share the love of Jesus with others.

Last sign-ups for "Hoops" (Grades K-8) will be on Saturday, November 16

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm in the CFLC

A sign-up sheet is included on the church's website at [www.fumcconover.org](http://www.fumcconover.org) or you can contact Mack Little or Dana Little at (828) 320-9904.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:  
*c. Himself has been tempted (Hebrews 2:18; 1:2)*

**By Our Service November 17, 2019**

**Ushers:**  
 10:30 AM Ray Penley / Eddie Warren / Youth

**Greeters:**  
 10:30 AM Pam Penley / Gene & Beverly Swithenbank / Youth

**Acolyte:**  
 10:30 AM Samantha Hawn

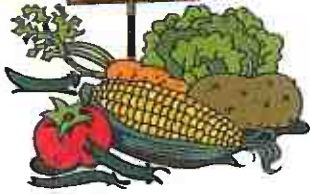
**Nursery Workers:**  
 10:30 AM Michele Moritz

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for November, Julie Patterson.

**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 (781) 913-4415 - cell
Assistant Pastor's phone #	1307 8th Avenue NW
Assistant Pastor's address	Conover, NC 28613

# MORE NEWS TO USE



## CONOVER FARMERS MARKET

Come out and join us at our annual Holiday Market on

**Saturday, November 23rd from 10am - 2pm.**

**There will be over 40 vendors, food, fun and excitement.**

**This is the last event of the season - don't miss it!**

## To any and all CHRISTMAS DECORATORS - Mark your calendars:

DATE: **FRIDAY, November 29th**

TIME: **9:00 am**



Please join us for great fellowship and fun as we come together to make the church beautiful!

\*\*And we invite any Members to help us with embellishing the CFLC Christmas tree, by donating a special Ornament from your family, as we've done in years past. Please put your name on it and leave it in the box marked "CFLC Christmas Ornaments" located in the Common Area outside the Conference room. We will gather and hang them for all to see and enjoy for years to come!

Thank you and to God be the glory!

Contact Michelle Sierzenga at 828-446-8244 if you have questions.

## "THERE'S STILL TIME TO PACK A SHOEBOX"



**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! Deadline for shoeboxes to be returned to the church is Nov. 24th. Collection area is located in the Common Area.**

Tommi Anderson, Coordinator

## ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! With the Advent and Christmas season fast approaching, we will again be offering you the opportunity to order poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones. Order forms will be available starting Sunday, Nov 10 through Sunday November 24. There will be a collection box for your orders and money located on the rail directly behind the organ bench, or you can hand deliver to Kelle Love.

Poinsettias are \$9.00 each and checks should be made payable to FUMCC with a designation of "poinsettia".

P.S. Don't forget to take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve services.

**\*\*ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 24\*\***





Isaiah 64:8

# First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

## Calendar Watch

### November

17 – Youth Sunday

### December

8 - Progressive Dinner

30 - New Year's Eve Eve

### 2020

See Email for All 2020 Dates

### Jan

12 – Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

26 - Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

### February

2 - Souper Bowl of Caring

## Youth Sunday is This Sunday!

8:15 - Youth Dance Team

Reports

8:45 - Youth Drama Team

Reports.

9:30 - Youth Praise Team

Reports.

10:00 - Everyone needs to arrive before 10 so you can be in place and ready



### Progressive Dinner

This is a great and popular event. See email on how to help. Need a couple of adults to ride along.

### *Progressive Dinner*



### High School Winter Retreat

Going to Ridgehaven.

February 14 - 16.

See email for details.



## New Year's Eve Eve

Come join us in the Gray House on the eve of New Year's Eve, Monday evening Dec 30. There will be food to share, games, and a movie.

Join the youth Facebook group, 'FUMCC Youth'. Lots of pictures and information.



For more information about the Youth Ministry at Conover First United Methodist Church, please contact

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Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)