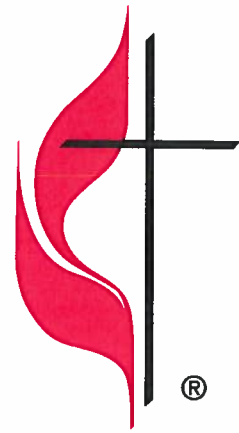




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Build Them Up...
Send Them Out!

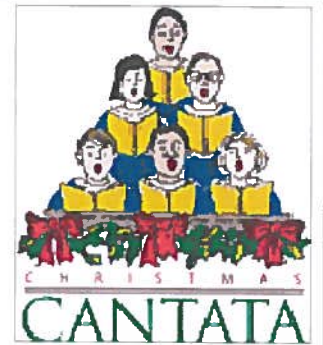


The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

December 3, 2019

To the Church Family

On Sunday, December 15th at both services the Chancel Choir will present the 2019 Christmas Cantata "Messiah, Heaven's Glory!" The Choir has been rehearsing for months to prepare for this musical worship service and we hope you will all be able to attend one of the two services and if not you can "live stream" from wherever you happen to be!



Messiah Heaven's Glory

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)

Sing Noel Medley with Sing We Now of Christmas

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, and Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Messiah with O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Soloist Fara Dellinger

Silent Night

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Soloist Mackenzie Rogers

God With Us Medley with Silent Night and The First Noel

What a Beautiful Name

Joy to the World! (Emmanuel)

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:

Sharon Hendricks
 Chip, Mary Beth & Keri Hennessee
 Scottie, Kim, Nathan & Holly Hentschel
 Al, Lisa & Lucas Hernandez
 Aubrey & Ashley Hite
 Jack & Gaye Hoke



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 FAITH of Abernethy Laurels
 (Room 2029) 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC
 28658

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

None

MEMORIAL "Hoops for Christ"

In memory of Luke Sigmon's 11th birthday
 on December 3, 2019 by:
 Brad & Kim Little

MIRACLE MOMS' MINISTRY

All donations for Miracle Moms are due this Sunday December 8th. Below is a list of items we currently have, please remember our goal is to fill 75 bags.

Hand sanitizer (travel size) - 40
 Lotion (travel size) - 19
 Deodorant (travel size) - 36
 Chapstick - 9
 Hair bows - 197 - 65
 athletic headbands - 83
 Tissues (travel size) - 129
 Socks - 6
 Nail files - 186
 Polish - 6
 Snacks - 40
 Candy - 100
 Water - 96
 Adult Coloring books/crosswords - 4
 Pens/colored pencils - 0
 DEVOTION BOOKS - 76
 Stuffed animals - 4
 Fleece blankets - 16
 Toothbrush - 60
 Toothpaste - 75
 Gum - 40

Also anyone interested in helping pack Miracle Mom Bags on Saturday December 14th from 10-12 is more than welcome to help. I just ask that, to pack the bags, you be 14 or older and have not been yourself or been in contact with anyone sick in the week prior. To help deliver the bags however you must be 16 or older. That is the hospital's rule, not mine. Thank you everyone for your support and making this mission the success it has become!

Elizabeth Conner

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 5** 7pm - Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
Dec. 6 6-8pm - Cat. Co. Girl Scouts (CFLC - Father/Daughter Dance - 11am-10pm)
Dec. 7 6pm - UMM - J.T. Russell (CFLC/Kit. 2-9pm)
Dec. 8 11am-6pm - Soul Sisters (Kitchen)
Dec. 8 4-8pm - Both Vans - Youth (Prog. Dinner)
Dec. 8 5:30pm - Women's Christmas Dinner (6-8:30pm CFLC)
Dec. 10 5pm - Sharpe Class Christmas Gathering (CFLC/Kitchen 2-9pm)

GOODTIMERS!!!

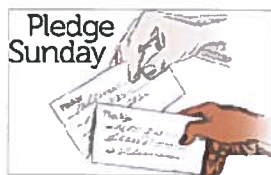
Our next trip will be Wednesday, Dec. 18th to the Grove Park Inn in Asheville to see the Gingerbread House display. We will leave the church at 9am. A sign-up sheet is on our Go-See-Do board! Any questions, call Eddie Warren at 828-464-9643.



LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH CHRISTMAS GATHERING!

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will meet at the **Fresh Chef** at 201 Conover Station SE, Conover, NC 28613, (828) 994-4187 on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 11:30am.

Bring a \$5 gift to participate in our Secret Santa Gift Exchange.



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.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



The Holiest of all, Hebrews recalls, was the

- manna in the golden pot in the ark of the covenant in the tabernacle behind the 2nd veil
- golden pot in the ark of the covenant in the tabernacle behind the 2nd veil
- ark of the covenant in the tabernacle behind the 2nd veil
- tabernacle behind the 2nd veil

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

Help Needed To Spread Christmas Cheer

How would you like to brighten someone's Christmas this year without having to go to the mall or do any online shopping? The Caring Ministry Team invites you to send Christmas wishes to our members that are unable to come to church each Sunday. We will put five red bags downstairs in the Common Area near Charmaine's office. It is our hope that the congregation will fill each bag with Christmas cards for our members who are homebound or in nursing homes. These cards will then be delivered to them before Christmas so that they can be blessed by their church family. Christmas will be here before we know it! The deadline for getting the cards in the bags is December 15th so that we will have plenty of time to deliver them. Two of the homebound members live out of town, so we are asking that you consider putting a card in the mail to them. You will find all of the names and addresses in the newsletter. You may never know how much this small act of kindness will mean to our members in nursing facilities and our homebound. Thank you for your help.

The Caring Ministry Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence December 1, 2019
 Sunday School
 142

Worship:	
8:45 am	154
11:00 am	123
Live Streaming	21
Total	298

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 19,763.25
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	235.00
Children's Bank	209.46
"Hoops for Christ"	100.00
Staff Love Offering	1,240.00
Total	\$ 21,547.71

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GUESTS for Sunday, December 1, 2019
 Jack Sigmon; John Jeffries; Polly Marquardt;
 Delores Finch; Abigail McAdams; Andy & Chloe
 Thompson; Adam, Erin, Landon, Harper & Delaney
 Clawson; Scottie Corriher; Emmett & Jane Wike;
 Jim Church; Bob Tannehill; John & Margie
 Furmage; Keith Tucker; Lynn & Mark Murphy;
 Joanie, Cass & Heather Taliaferro.

**SIGN-UP FOR DISCIPLE 1
 BEGINNING TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 2020**

Pastor Gary will be offering the Disciple 1 Bible Study beginning Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Come to the CFLC at 7pm for the Orientation. Classes will be each week on Tuesday night from 7-8:30pm until May 5th. It will continue on the New Testament beginning in the Fall on Sept. 8th. You may call the church office at (828) 464-4635 to register or you may sign the sheet on the clip board when it is passed around to the congregation on Sunday, Dec. 8th. Thank you.

**LOVE OFFERING
 FOR PASTORS / STAFF**

We will receive a love offering for the Pastors & Staff members Sunday, December 8th. We will receive the love offering at the end of both services. The gift will be presented to the Pastors & Staff at our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 15th at the 8:45 and 11:00 am services. Thank you.

Eric Connor, Chairman
 Staff Parish Relations
 Committee



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
 d. *tabernacle behind the 2nd veil (Hebrews 9:3-4)*

By Our Service December 8, 2019

Ushers:
 8:45 AM Michael Cashion
 11:00 AM Wayne Thornburg

Greeters:
 8:45 AM Laurie Cashion
 11:00 AM Burr & Betsy Stoker

Acolyte:
 8:45 AM Rylee Garrison
 11:00 AM Erin Moritz

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Angela Garrison
 11:00 AM Ginger Doub

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for December, Ginger Doub.

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



Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

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
9 - Youth Meeting & Ministry
Teams
23 - Youth Meeting &
Ministry Teams



Progressive Dinner 12/8 from 5-8pm

This is a great and popular event. Bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. Drop off & Pick Up is at the Gray House. We are in need of one more adult to ride along. Full Details in Emails.

Progressive Dinner



High School Winter Retreat Feb 14 - 16

Going to Ridgehaven. See email this week for details.



New Year's Eve Eve Mon Dec 30th 6pm-11pm

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)