



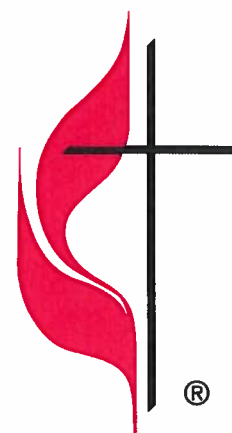
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

December 10, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

In less than two weeks, it will be Christmas Eve.....one of the most Holy nights of the year! For me, it is a time to come back to the simple story which changed the world and to be reminded that God SO loved us that he came into our world himself to make sure we would make it.

In order to insure your safety, we are, once again, offering two Christmas Eve Services this year with "come and go" Communion served between the two services. Please take note of the new times and services:

First Candle lighting service.....4:00 - 5:00

Come and Go Communion....5:15 – 5:45

Second Candle lighting service.....6:00 - 7:00

You may come to the first Candle lighting service and then stay for Communion *or* you may come for Communion anytime during 5:15 and 5:45 and then stay for the second Candle lighting service. **We ask that, during the time of Communion, there be silence and reverence in the sanctuary.**

Please invite someone and come out for this warm and inspiring service where we relive the greatest story ever told through Scripture readings, message, music and candle light.

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:

Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar
Kenneth & Dianne Hollar
Charles, Mary, Kaitlin & Matthew Hornick
Elizabeth Hornick
Jeannie Houston
Randy & Diane Howard



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

Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road
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.

NEW ADDRESS

Elaine Biles
152 East Lake Point Dr. Apt. 6
Greensburg, IN 47240

A NOTE OF SYMPATNY

Ida Hall, age 87 of Lenoir and mother of Keith Hall, died Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Caldwell Hospice & Palliative Care in Lenoir. A memorial service was held Monday, December 9, 2019 at 11am at Pendry Funeral Home in Lenoir. The family received friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Caldwell Hospice & Palliative Care in Lenoir.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Keith, Tommie and the family during this difficult time.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family (our angels)
I wanted to stand up in church and say these words, but I knew I would cry so here is the dry version.

There are not enough words to say to you all for the love, support, gifts, visits, partners who rode with me to doctor appointments, groceries, cards, food, and much more given to Buddy and me since that terrible accident on July 25. Just after the accident happened when I opened my eyes, I said "thank you Lord" this is bad. In the early morning of July 29 in my hospital room I felt the healing hand of the Lord, and I knew at that moment everything would be all right. We are blessed for having FUMC in our lives, and we thank you for your ongoing support. This adventure is not over yet.

God Bless,
Brenda and Buddy Teague

UPPER ROOMS

The Jan. / Feb. "Upper Room" devotional books are in the racks for you to pick up and use. One rack is located in the upper hallway by the water fountain, and the other is located on one of the tables outside the Conference Room by the offices. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going on line to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 12** 6pm - UMM - Burke (CFLC/Kitchen 2-9pm)
Dec. 13 6:30pm - Girl Scouts - CFLC
Dec. 14 10am-12pm - Miracle Moms' Ministry
 (Crossroads classroom)
Dec. 14 6pm - UMM - Conover Fire Dept. (CFLC/
 Kitchen 2-9pm)
Dec. 15 8:45 & 11am - Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)
Dec. 15 8:30-11am - Cookie Sale by Queen Esthers
 (Common Area)
Dec. 15 5-7pm - Children's Christmas Celebration
 (CFLC 3-8pm)
Dec. 17 4:30pm - Run through of Christmas Eve
 Service (Sanctuary)
Dec. 18 9am - Van 2 - Goodtimers to Grove Park Inn
 (to view the Gingerbread Houses)
Dec. 18 6-9pm - "Hoops" practices (CFLC)
Dec. 19 6:30pm - UMM Meeting (CFLC/Kit. 2-9pm)
Dec. 20 10:30am-12pm - Preschool Christmas
 Program (CFLC)
Dec. 21 11:30am-3pm - Glenna Sherrill Family
 Christmas gathering (CFLC/Kit. 11am-4pm)

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.



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. Please call if you need any of these. Thank you.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



When Christ appears a second time, says Hebrews, it will be to

- deal with sin
- confirm the prophecies
- save those who look for Him
- save everyone

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

HELP NEEDED TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Caring Ministry Team invites you to send Christmas wishes to our members that are unable to come to church each Sunday. We have placed 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. 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. Thank you for your help.

The Caring Ministry Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence December 8, 2019
 Sunday School
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Worship:	
8:45 am	165
11:00 am	141
Live Streaming	17
Total	323

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 17,284.30
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,180)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	260.00
Children's Bank	37.25
Local Missions Fund	100.00
Miracle Moms' Ministry	135.00
Staff Love Offering	980.00
Total	\$ 18,796.55

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GUESTS for Sunday, December 8, 2019

Hank Beck; Cass Taliaferro; Keith & Susan Tucker;
 Stan & Judy Lail; Jill James; Toni & Diane Jones;
 Craig, Shanna & Camryn Bryant; Gary & Sharon
 Keuper; Don Lingerfelt; Bryan, Donna & Jessie
 Ross; Michael & Glenda Korn; Bob Tannehill;
 Janice Hager; John & Margie Furmage;
 Mary Broome; Amy Richard; Peyton Goins;
 Adain Barrows; John Jeffries; Adam, Erin,
 Landon, Harper & Delaney Clawson;
 Cheryl Gragg.

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.

Thank you.

ATTENTION: ADDRESS,
PHONE NUMBERS,
Y/E OFFERINGS

As the year comes to a close, please remember to submit any address or phone number changes to the church office at (828) 464-4635 or via email to fumcc@fumconover.org so that the information will be up to date for the update to the directory.

Also, all year-end offerings will need to be submitted to the church office no later than noon on Monday, December 30th. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
c. save those who look for Him (Hebrews 9:28)

By Our Service December 15, 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 Laci Matthews
 11:00 AM Michael Van Rooyen

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Michele Moritz
 11:00 AM Jenene Nellenbach

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for December, Ginger Doub.

CHURCH STAFF

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

Fueling Faith



“Birthday Party for Jesus.”

December 15 at 5pm

All Children, birth to Gr5 and their families, are invited to a

Birthday Party for Jesus!

Older siblings are most welcome to come join in the fun!!

Snacks, cookie decorating, games and of course ...

singing happy birthday to Jesus!!!

After a story the ‘man in red’ will stop by for photo opportunities.

It is important to R.S.V.P.

So that we can make sure we have enough gift bags for **every child** that will be present.

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Warmest Wishes

To all our FUMC parents, grandparents and neighbors,

THANK YOU for raising your precious children in God’s sight; for sharing with them the most beautiful story and showing them - and allowing your church family to help – that they are part of the story!

To all of those that took time out at some point during this year to minister to our children, THANK YOU.

My prayer is that the peace of Christmas will fill your homes and hearts.

Have a very blessed Christmas.

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FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART

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A clipboard will be passed around this Sunday. If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in 2020, please make use of this convenient opportunity to signup.



For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6