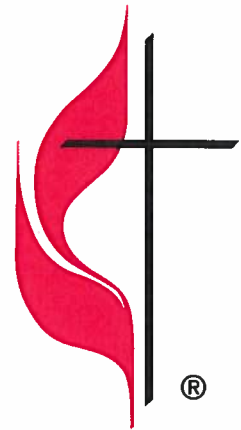




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Our Mission:
Bring Them In...
Build Them Up...
Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

January 14, 2020



CHRISTMAS AT FUMCC PRESCHOOL

Friday December 20, 2010 found FUMCC Preschool Children presenting a program to friends and family. They performed a touching play titled "PIPPIN PIG'S CHRISTMAS"! The play inspired us all to remember that Jesus is the reason that we celebrate the season of Christmas.

After the play the 3 year old class, led by Ms. Yvette Bumgarner and Ms. Julie Robinson, along with the 4 year old class, led by Ms. Debra Johnson and Ms. Clydie Beal, performed many wonderful Christmas carols and songs.

The program was attended by the families of the children, members of FUMCC, and special guest from the Conover Adult Life Program, for a total of about 115 friends. After the performance everyone was invited to enjoy Christmas cookies and lemonade. As you can see in the above photo, a special guest was brought in to visit with the children (and many adults). Santa Claus was a special guest of Charles Reed, a FUMCC member, and we would very much like to thank Mr. Reed for making all the arrangements for this pleasant surprise!

We also would like to thank all of those who support this ministry. A special thank you this year to all who have supported us through the Matthew Bolick Scholarship program, you have been very generous. There are several children who would not be with us if not for the opportunity that this program allows.

Thank You all for making this a very Merry Christmas for FUMCC Preschool.

FUMCC PRESCHOOL AND STAFF

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:

J.P. & Behr Jones
Nickolas Joyner
Corey, Lindsay, Jeb & McCoy Keisler
Nikki Kelly
*Malinda Kennedy
Chase Kiger



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

Don Barbersek at Trinity Village Rehab
(Room 122) Hickory, NC

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.

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Don Barbersek at Trinity Village Rehab
(Room 122)

LADIES, COME JOIN US

The FUMC-C unit of United Methodist Women invites you to their meeting on Saturday, January 18, at 9:30AM in the conference room. What does this group do? Come check us out!



A Thank You Note

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts, cards, and texts sent to me while I was with my sister, Barbara, during her final days in Syracuse, NY. It was indeed a great comfort to me during that sad and stressful time. I truly feel blessed to be a part of this loving church family.

May God keep all of you in His care.

Andrea (Andi) Long and children

TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 19

5:00PM - Finance Meeting
(Conference room)

6:00PM - Church Council Meeting
(Clark classroom)

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 17** 6am-4pm UMM - JT Russell (Kit.classrooms)
- Jan. 18** 8am-3pm "Hoops" games (CFLC)
- Jan. 19** **5pm** Finance Comm. Mtg. (Conf. room)
- Jan. 19** **6pm** Church Council Mtg. (Clark classroom)
- Jan. 20** Office Closed - MLKJ Birthday
- Jan. 20** Preschool Closed - MLKJ Birthday
- Jan. 20** 11am - Funeral in Sanctuary for Fred Fisher
- Jan. 21** 7-8:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
- Jan. 22** 6-9pm "Hoops" practices (CFLC)
- Jan. 25** 8am-3pm "Hoops" games (CFLC)
- Jan. 25** 5pm - "Hoops" Banquet (CFLC)
- Jan. 26** 4pm - New Member Orientation (Crossroads)
- Jan. 28** 7-8:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
- Jan. 29** 6-9pm "Hoops" practices (CFLC)

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Esau is given, in Hebrews, as an example of one who

- a. spurned an opportunity to repent
- b. never attempted to repent
- c. was given no chance to repent
- d. repented and was saved

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

SOUL SISTERS CIRCLE SOUP SALE

The Soul Sisters Circle will be selling their delicious homemade soups on Sunday, February 2 in the Commons area from 9:30 – 11:15 am between worship services and during the Sunday school hour. **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PREORDER YOUR SOUPS SO WE CAN GUARANTEE YOU GET YOUR CHOICES!** Preordered soups are also available to pick up on Saturday, February 1 from 2- 4pm in the kitchen of the Connor Family Life Center. The soups are \$5 for a pint. There are (3) awesome offerings: Cheesy Potato, Chicken with Wild Rice and Vegetables and Hamburger Taco Soup.

You can preorder your soup by calling Rita Deal at (828) 465-7273 and leaving a message or emailing Rita at msdeal@charter.net.

All monies will be used to support our missions. Thank you for your support!
STOCK THOSE FREEZERS!!!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION Sunday, January 26 4:00 PM

If you have been visiting our church and are even thinking about becoming a member, Gary would like to invite you to a "new member orientation" to be held on Sunday, January 26 at 4:00 in the "Crossroads" classroom. At this meeting, we will talk about the **Beliefs, Structure and History** of the United Methodist Church, as well as how you can make a difference through the many avenues of service offered at FUMC. You may not be sure about membership yet and need more information. Well, this meeting is designed to help you make that decision. There will be time for questions you may have as well. If you plan to attend, we ask that you reserve your place by calling the church office at 828-464-4635 or send an email to



JUST A REMINDER

Please remember to wear your name tags when attending church services.
Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 12, 2020
Sunday School
150

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| Worship: | |
| 8:45 am | 152 |
| 11:00 am | 144 |
| Live Streaming | <u>22</u> |
| Total | 318 |

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

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| General Fund | \$ 20,872.50 |
| <i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i> | |
| Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.) | 180.00 |
| Children's Bank | 129.55 |
| Disciple 1 Workbooks | 544.00 |
| "Hoop's for Christ T-shirts | <u>25.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 21,751.05 |

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GUESTS for Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020
 Roger, Lisa & Will Johnson; John & Margie
 Furrage; Jim & Nancy Olson; Nikki Kahill; Emmett
 & Jane Wike; Scottie Corriher; Jack Sigmon; Don
 Lingerfelt; Keith & Susan Tucker; Kaylee &
 Stephanie; Leonard & Julie Lawing; Malinda
 Kennedy; Andy & Chloe Thompson; Gary &
 Sharon Keuper; Hank Beck; Mark & Lynn Murphy.

By Our Service January 19, 2020

Ushers:

8:45 AM Keith Hall
 11:00 AM Adam Johnson

Greeters:

8:45 AM Tommie Hall
 11:00 AM Melissa Johnson

Acolyte:

8:45 AM Matthew Hornick
 11:00 AM Erin Moritz

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Nancy Wall
 11:00 AM Emma Tozser

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 January, Laurette Rheeder.

CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM

TUESDAY, FEB. 4



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 |

RUNNING GROUP

Thanks to all who came to our informational meet-
 ing. We have started off this new year with a com-
 mitment to be more active and
 healthier. Always room for more!

Running Groups

Youth- Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 pm (after
 Hoops for Christ)

Adults- Sunday, January 19 at 4:00 pm

Danny Baucom
 828-238-4813



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
c. was given no chance to repent (Hebrews 12:16-17)



Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

Jan

26 - Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

February

2 - Souper Bowl of Caring

9 - Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

14-16 - Ridgehaven (Senior Youth)

23 - Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

March

6 & 7 - 30-hour famine

22 - Meeting & Ministry Teams

April

5 - Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

19 - Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

24-26 - IgniteUs (Middle School)



Youth Meeting - 1/26/2020

Our next Youth meeting is Sunday, 1/26. Ministry teams and meetings are at the same times / locations.

3:30 - Praise Team (Sanctuary)

4:15 - Dance Team (CFLC)

5:00 - Youth Meeting (Gray House)

6:30 - Drama (CFLC)

Souper Bowl of Caring - February 2nd

Souper Bowl of Caring is a chance for our youth to collect money during service on the day of the Big Game. 100% of donations will go to a local food bank / charity. The largest weekend of football will also be a great weekend of caring.



30-Hour Famine - 3/6 & 3/7

30-Hour Famine is on. Hand Prints (lots of them) will be done the night of 3/6! We will need significant help to ensure this event happens, be watching emails.



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

Charles Hornick (828-381-7231 / charles_h71@charter.net)
Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)



Catawba Valley Lay Servant Training will be offered on Sunday afternoons: February 9, 16, 23, and March 1, 2020.

3:00 – 5:30 pm

Aldersgate UMC

1207 W Dixon Blvd., Shelby, NC

Each course offered consists of four Sunday afternoon class meetings. **Attendance will be required all four days in order to complete the 10 hours needed for certification.**

Cost for each Lay Speaking course is \$25 per student.

HURRY! DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JANUARY 31, 2020

Please visit the [Catawba Valley District Website at www.cvdistrictumc.org](http://www.cvdistrictumc.org) to register and to see courses offered.

CV District Laity & Clergy Gathering 2020

Catawba Valley District Laity and Clergy Gathering
February 2, 2020 -- 2:30 PM
St. Luke's UMC, Hickory, North Carolina



We welcome keynote speaker and session leader Tru Pettigrew. Tru is a celebrated author, an engaging speaker, a committed community leader, and an award-winning marketing executive with 20 years of experience at the nation's top advertising & marketing agencies.

Register online at www.CVDistrictUMC.org

We are excited to also offer the following breakout sessions:

- **Session: Going Beyond Diversity, led by Mr. Tru Pettigrew.**
- **Session: Leading through Change, led by Rev. Josh Sherfey**
- **Session: Endowment Development: Stewardship for Generations to Come, led by Rev. David Snipes**
- **Session: The Work of the Local Church Trustees, led by Rev. Roy Byers**
- **Session: Congregations for Children (C4C), led by Susan Pennock**
- **Session: Ministry Funding Beyond Borders, led by Rev. Dr. Mark King.**
- **Session: Practicing the Spirit-Empowered Life in Leadership and Beyond, led by Rev. Angela A. Pleasants.** (This session is especially recommended for Staff Parish Relations Committees and Nomination Teams to attend.)
- **Session: Saving Women: Reclaiming Ministry Models, led by Rev. Lacey Warner**
- **Session: Joyful Givers: Cultivating a Generous Congregation, led by Rev. A.J. Thomas**

Register online at www.CVDistrictUMC.org