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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 7, 2020

“THANKS FOR NOTHING!!”

WHEN CAN WE BE THANKFUL FOR NOTHING?

When there is “NOTHING” in doubt about our relationship with God and Savior, Jesus Christ, When there is “NOTHING” to fear regarding our salvation and eternal life because of the sacrifice made for us on the Cross, And, on a much lesser scale, when there is “NOTHING” left owing on our debt for purchase of the adjoining “Betty Shell Property”. I am pleased to report that as of January 2, 2020, the balance of FUMCC’s loan with Peoples Bank was reduced to \$0.00. Because of these “Nothings”, other things are possible. Because of your love and commitments to God and FUMCC, we are able to report the following Capital Campaign results through January 2, 2020,

Sources of Funds (\$296,163 collected to date).

\$238,540 of \$330,603 total pledges are collected. \$92,063 remain uncollected, of which \$19,036 considered doubtful due to medical and other situations, leaving \$73,027 potentially collectible. In addition to collected pledges, \$57,623 of excess and unpledged contributions have been received.

Uses of Funds (\$288,627 disbursed to date):

\$275,000 paid for purchase of the property. \$10,889 in interest expense was paid. This is \$9,321 less than initially projected primarily due to upfront, accelerated and unpledged payments received. Because of this, loan draws totaling \$195,000 were \$55,000 less than our \$250,000 bank loan commitment. \$2,738 was disbursed for closing costs, minor repairs, and other expenses. This is substantially less than the \$25,000 original projection which included possible renovations.

Cash Balance & Remaining Actions

\$7,536 of cash on hand plus \$73,027 of uncollected pledges is available for removal or renovation of the house. At a minimum, we need to collect approximately \$2,435 more to cover the \$10,000 estimated cost to demolish the house. We must also decide to “end”, “pause” or “continue” the capital campaign in order to make repairs and renovations to the house for future usage. It is anticipated that this decision will be made at the upcoming Administrative Council meeting on January 19, 2020.

As a reminder, all contributions and pledge payments to the Capital Campaign are “designated” for the specific purposes of purchasing the “Shell Property”, covering loan closing costs, interest expense and for demolition, repairs and/or renovation of the house. Funds collected must be used for the designated purpose or returned to the contributor unless the contributor designates future contributions to other purpose(s) approved by the Administrative Council.

At this time, you are asked to delay contributions and pledge payments to the capital campaign until a final council decision is made. During this period, you have the opportunity to evaluate your desire to:

- 1) continue making contributions for renovation of the house or,
- 2) redirecting your remaining pledge payments to another designated fund(s) approved by the Administrative Council.

Please continue to pray for spiritual guidance and wisdom as upcoming decisions are made.

Bob Goodson

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:

Will & Sue James
Tony & Gwen Jarrett
Adam, Melissa, Mackenzie & Tyler Johnson
Ken & Martha Johnson
Nell Johnson
Tut & Martha Johnson



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.

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL Don Barbersek at CVMC (Room 518)

MEMORIALS General Fund

In memory of Betty Moore by:
Junior & Anita Deal

In memory of Betty Shell by:
David & Brenda Putnam

Local Missions Fund

In memory of Lelia (Alice) Brower by:
Crossroads Sunday school class

United Methodist Men

In memory of Ida Hall by:
Junior & Anita Deal

RUNNING GROUP MEETING

Sunday, January 12, 2020
3:00 PM
CFLC GYM

We will be discussing times and days to run!
Join us for an informational meeting.

Danny Baucom
(828) 238-4813



JUST A REMINDER

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



NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 9** 12-9pm Girl Scouts (Cookies - Stage)
- Jan. 9** 6:30pm Long Range Plan. Mtg. (Sharpe)
- Jan. 9** 7pm Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
- Jan. 10** 6-11am UMM - J.T. Russell (Kit./Classroom)
- Jan. 10** 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC)
- Jan. 11** 8am-3pm "Hoops" games (CFLC)
- Jan. 11** 2-5pm UMM - St. Stephens FD (Kit.-catering)
- Jan. 12** 3pm - Running Group Meeting (CFLC)
- Jan. 12** 3:30-7pm Youth Teams & Meetings
(Sanctuary/Gray House/CFLC)
- Jan. 12** 5-6:30pm Youth-in-Training (Gray House)
- Jan. 14** 7-8:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
- Jan. 15** 12noon - Goodtimers' Luncheon (CFLC/Kit.)
- Jan. 15** 6-9pm "Hoops" practices (CFLC)
- Jan. 17** 6am-4pm UMM - JT Russell (Kit.classrooms)
- Jan. 18** 8am-3pm "Hoops" games (CFLC)
- Jan. 19** 5:45pm Finance Comm. Mtg. (Conf. room)
- Jan. 19** 7pm Church Council Mtg. (Clark classroom)

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Our correction by God differs from our correction by our earthly fathers, in that His correction is

- a. far more severe
- b. for our own good
- c. arbitrary
- d. only for a short time

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

GOODTIMERS' LUNCHEON

WHEN: The Goodtimers will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 12 o'clock noon!

WHAT: Homemade soups and desserts!

WHERE: Connor Family Life Center

WHO: Contact Eddie Warren at (828) 464-9643 if you are able to bring a soup or dessert so that he can make out the menu. Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship together in this New Year!



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



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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 5, 2020
Sunday School
160

Worship:	
8:45 am	160
11:00 am	124
Live Streaming	24
Total	308

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,717.31
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	340.00
Children's Bank	13.00
Disciple 1 Workbooks	68.00
Local Missions	50.00
Miracle Moms' Ministry	50.00
United Methodist Men	50.00
Total	\$ 12,288.31

Deposit made on 12/31/19 of additional donations.

General Fund	\$390.00
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GUESTS for Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020
 Keith & Susan Tucker; Nicholas & Ryan;
 Ada Jones; Sarah Davis; Bryan, Donna &
 Jessie Ross; Malinda Kennedy; Don Lingerfelt;
 Gary & Sharon Keuper; Haley Beech; Roger,
 Lisa & Megan Johnson; Bob Tannehill;
 Jake Gallagher; Lauren Blanton; John & Margie
 Furmage; Johann & Annabella Stoltz; Andy &
 Chloe Thompson; Jack Sigmon.

By Our Service January 12, 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 Haley Matthews
 11:00 AM Bradley Markland

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Kim Thornburg
 11:00 AM Brenda Putnam

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 January, Laurette Rheeder.

CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM

TUESDAY, FEB. 4



BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember your birthdays and anniversaries this Sunday by bringing your offering to the altar. Please give \$.10 for every year old and \$.25 for every year married. This is to help the children's church bank.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
b. for our own good (Hebrews 12:9-10)

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

Fueling Faith



January 07, 2020

Youth In Training

A ministry for children in **K-5th grade**. We meet in the Gray House, which is the grey house next to the church, at 5pm. A light snack supper is offered at 6pm. Dismissal at 6:30pm. If you prefer to pick up your child at 6pm, just let us know.

We will meet on Jan. 12 & 26; Feb 9 & 23; and March 22.

You are welcome to stay and either hang out with us or grab a coffee with other parents in the sitting room in Gray House.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Acolyte: Let us know if your child, youth (or you!) would like to serve as Acolyte during our worship services. 3rd Graders are typically old and capable enough to start serving in this capacity.

To all our current Acolytes: If you do not let Wende Briggs know that you do not want to serve, you will be scheduled for 2020.

National Day of Prayer Coordinator - May 7.

Nursery Coordinators: To be responsible for ensuring slots for every worship service is covered.

Prayer Partners - join our group on Tuesdays at 10:45 for an hour.

VBS Director: No date will be set until this position is filled.

PRAYER Meeting

COME JOIN US as on Tuesdays
from 10:30—11:30 am in the parlor.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Classes start **next week**, January 12!!

Prayerfully consider joining Steve's class - find him in the room next to the Choir room, located on the same level as the Sanctuary - **even if you are not sure** that you want to be confirmed as a full member of the Church on May 31, 2020.

Steve Danner will provide further information at the first class.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS ...

time for children birth through 5th grade to feel special during both our worship services.

If your toddler or child is hesitant to join us in the front, please come down with them.

We need older children to join the little ones to model answering questions!!!

SAVE THESE DATES

- February 26 - Ash Wednesday
- March 28 - Easter4Kids
- Week of April 6 "Journey to Jerusalem" Prayer Walk
- April 12 - Easter Sunday
- May 7 - National Day of Prayer

Couch Conversations

Adults, not ready to join a Sunday school group?

Join us for 'random' conversations on the couches outside of Charmaine's office.
10am - 10:45 on Sundays.

GODLY PLAY join me on March 8 at 4pm. Details to follow!!



Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

Jan

12 – Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

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

Youth is This Sunday! 1/12/2020

Youth starts back this Sunday. Come join us for another semester of youth fun. Ministry teams will be starting as well.

3:30 - Praise Team (Sanctuary)

4:15 - Dance Team (CFLC)

5:00 - Youth Meeting (Gray House)

6:30 - Drama (CFLC)



30-Hour Famine March 6 & 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)



Volunteers needed!

Shining Hope Farms is in need of volunteers to help with their therapeutic horseback riding program. They provide services to children and adults with special needs. Youth must be 13 years old to volunteer.

Please contact Kim Deal at (704) 200-3790 for more information on attending a volunteer training session.

Visit www.shininghopefarms.org to learn more.

