



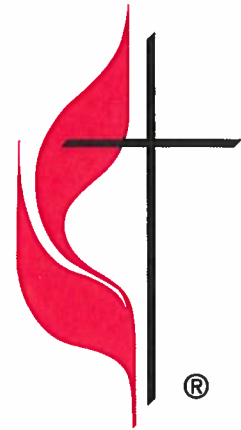
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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

February 11, 2020

Greetings!

As many of you know, First United Methodist Church has made quite an exciting purchase... a NEW ORGAN!

A few months ago, I approached Pastor Gary about the new organ fund that had been set up, and had inquired on the timeline of something like this happening. As time went on, the current organ began having issues that were more expensive to fix, and it was just time to replace it. The new organ will be replacing our 30+ year old Allen ADC organ (*circa* 1980), which has had a multitude of issues, and has had expensive bandaids put on it. The new organ is a Rodgers 599 Artist Series organ, which consists of 3 manuals, or keyboards, and pedals. I took the liberty of arranging a visit to Maryland to go play the new organ a few weeks ago, and let me just say, this organ is going to be a wonderful addition to the church. I was blown away. On the side, the keyboards that are on this particular organ is a promotional deal, as the Rodgers company has just introduced the solid wood keys to this organ. This would cost us an extra 12k to get them, but we got them for FREE. If we were to purchase a pipe organ that was capable of doing what the new organ can do, we wouldn't even have the space to put all the pipes! The new organ is able to do practically anything that might be needed musically for the service.



The reason I believed a Rodgers organ would be the best fit for our church, was the capabilities the organ has. From the early 1500's, all the way up to today, this organ has the capabilities to play anything. The sound from this instrument will elevate the singing in the church, and expand the things the music ministry is able to do. This organ sounds like a church organ is supposed to sound, rich, warm, and full. Do not be alarmed by the size of the organ. **BIGGER does not mean LOUDER**, it simply allows for me to have more choices to enhance worship and singing. This will allow for more diverse music to be played, and will make the organ more "choir-friendly", which means the organ can be used with more choir anthems, along with the piano.

As always, I hope to provide an elevated worship experience through music, and I know with this new organ, new doors will be opened musically. I am grateful, as always, to be a part of this beautiful church family.

Yours in ministry,
Alex, FUMC Organist

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:

Taylor Little
Gerald & Sandy Loftin
Jason Loftin
Andrea Long
*Susan Long
Scott & Kelle Love

MIRACLE MOMS' MINISTRY

**Our Deadline for all donations this round is
May 3, 2020!**

Below is a list of what items are needed to fill our 75 bags!! Please remember that you can drop donations off at First United Methodist Church Monday-Thursday 8-4 and Sunday mornings, as well as message me to arrange a pick up or drop off! All checks can be made out to FUMC of Conover with the memo "**Miracle Moms**".

Ways to Donate list:

1. You can donate money that I can use to go and get the items needed and that will go towards the bags needed as well as Wendy's gift cards for the moms.

2. You can use our amazon wish list

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35CT7W20D9CAH?ref=wl_share

3. You can donate the items we need to fill these bags:

- Hand sanitizer (travel size) •Lotion (travel size)
- Deodorant (travel size) •Chapstick •Hair bows
- athletic headbands •Tissues (travel size) • Socks
- Nail files •Snacks •candy •Gatorade/water
- Adult Coloring books/crosswords •colored pencils
- DEVOTION BOOKS that is what helped me most.
- Stuffed animals for their baby (must be small)
- Rolled Fleece blankets (mainstays at Walmart is \$2.50)

Deadline is no later than
May 3, 2020!!

Elizabeth Conner



IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Dottie Harris at home

INTERESTED IN TAKING A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE?

I am seriously thinking about leading another trip to Israel in May of 2021. I have not actually scheduled a trip but would like to meet with any who even think you might be interested in going. I promise you..... it will be the best trip of your lifetime!! If you are interested....and/or know of anyone who might be interested....invite them and please come to a meeting in the Family Life Center of our church on **Sunday, February 23 at 4:00 PM.** I hope to see you there.

Dr. Gary

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Fred Fisher by:
Katherine Bondurant
David & Brenda Putnam

Organ Fund

In memory of Joe Rudisill by:
Mary Rudisill

In memory of Fred Fisher by:
Mary Rudisill
Alma Dixon

In memory of Don Barbersek by:
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank
Judy Rayburn-Young
Mary Rudisill
Alma Dixon
David & Brenda Putnam
Don & Vata Shook
Rick & Linda Parker



NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 11** 7-8:30pm Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
Feb. 12 11:30am Lunch Bunch - Hen & Egg
Feb. 12 1pm - Queen Esthers (Clark classroom)
Feb. 14-16 Both Vans - Senior Youth - Ridgehaven
Feb. 16 3-5pm - Girl Scouts - Gold Award (CFLC)
Feb. 17 Preschool Closed
Feb. 18 No Disciple 1 tonight
Feb. 19 9am - Van 2 - Goodtimers (TBD)
Feb. 20 6:30pm - UMM - Meeting (CFLC/Kitchen)
Feb. 22 2-4pm - Bridal Shower by M. Fisher (CFLC)
Feb. 23 3:30-6:30pm Yth Min Tms(Sanc/GH/CFLC)
Feb. 23 4:00pm - Holy Land Meeting (CFLC)
Feb. 23 5:00-6:30pm - Yth-in-Training (Gray House)
Feb. 25 5:30-6:30pm Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper (CFLC/Kitchen)
Feb. 25 7-8:30pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
Feb. 26 6:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

HOME BOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY

We observe Holy Communion the first Sunday of every other month (sometimes special services change this). However, we have a few of our members who are unable to come to church and receive. So, beginning this month, H.A. and Jean Slate will personally take and serve Communion to those who are homebound and those who may be temporarily recovering from medical issues. On the Sundays we observe Communion, they will call ahead and then go that afternoon to the homes or facilities to lead them in this sacred service. The elements will be blessed before being taken out. If you would like to be part of this ministry, call the church office and speak with Pastor Gary.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Attention Nursery Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer to assist in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, please sign-up on the clip board located in the Narthex. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and our Safe Sanctuary Policy requires that a background check be performed a week in advance if you are a new volunteer or if you haven't had a check performed in the last 3 years. If you have any questions, please contact Lorette Rheeder at (828) 238-8101.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Faith, wrote James,

- is enough to save a man, without works
- is not needed, if there are works
- if it has no works, is dead
- even with works is not necessarily enough

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

CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Deadline: March 30th at 4:00pm

Applications must be completed as outlined on the cover page of the application. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

You may pick up an application during the church's office hours, Monday - Thursday from 8am-12noon and 1-4pm. You may also email the church office at fumcc@fumconover.org to have an application and the instructions emailed to you. Or you may call to have an application and instructions emailed to you. Please indicate which application (high school or college) you need. Completed applications must be turned in to Denise Moose or to the church office by 4pm on March 30th. They can be submitted to Denise or to the church office in electronic or hard copy formats.

Thank you



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 9, 2020
 Sunday School
 128

Worship:	
8:45 am	154
11:00 am	148
Live Streaming	19
Total	321

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,216.10
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	20.00
Children's Bank	214.60
Columbarium	900.00
Organ Fund	2,275.00
Souper Bowl Offering (Corner Table)	919.50
Total	\$ 15,545.20

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GUESTS for Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020:
 Roger, Lisa, Meg & Will Johnson; Andy & Chloe
 Thompson; Hernan Puqa-Luna; Don Lingerfelt;
 Lori Hodge; Malinda Kennedy; Julie Lawing;
 Kalle Porter; Hank Beck; Keith & Susan Tucker;
 Emmett & Jane Wike; Jack Sigmon; Stan & Judy
 Lail; Bob Tannehill.

By Our Service February 16, 2020

Ushers:
 8:45 AM Pat Woods
 11:00 AM Gerald Loftin

Greeters:
 8:45 AM Alice Woods
 11:00 AM Sandy Loftin

Acolyte:
 8:45 AM Rylee Garrison
 11:00 AM Tyler Johnson

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Marsha Williams
 11:00 AM Brenda Putnam

**Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 February, Laurette Rheeder.**

FUMCC Church Family

You are invited:

Girl Scout Troop 10441 will be having a
 Gold Ceremony on Sunday, February
 16th from 3:00-5:00 in CFLC for Erin
 Moritz and Chloe Hedrick.



**Thank you for supporting our scout
 program,**

Debbie Moritz and Melissa Punch

CHURCH STAFF

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Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
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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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
c. if it has no works, is dead (James 2:17-26)

Fueling Faith

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Acolyte: 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 are 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.



February, 11 2020

SAVE THESE DATES

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

GODLY PLAY: March 8, 4 - 5pm (Preschool area)

Grandmother/father age volunteers will be especially good fits to be "door persons".

Children 2 through 7th grade to see how we can learn in a creative way!

Journey to Jerusalem—Prayer Walk— April 7-9

Next meeting: Sunday, February 23 at 2pm.

We Need YOU!! This is a huge undertaking during Holy Week and to make this ministry outreach/worship service a success we need your help. There are many different ways you can help - sewing, painting, recruiting, finding props, host to name a few. Please consider how you can participate, before, during, after this event.

Team Contacts are -

Art: Kaye Cloninger and Judy Rayburn-Young

Childcare: Rachel Hamilton

Jerusalem Citizens & Roman Soldiers - to be along the walk to assist and guide visitors.

Susan Hunsucker and Brenda Putnam

Props: Martha Johnson

Prop Construction: Gerald Loftin and Ken Johnson

Sanctuary Ushers: Anita Deal

Seamstress: Sharon Hendricks

Set-Up/Tear Down - This is so crucial. Contact Charmaine or Anthony.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" Luke 17:5



Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

February

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)

May

3 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams
17 - Youth Sunday



Ridgehaven - Feb 14 - 16

High Schoolers will be going to Ridgehaven this Friday @ 4pm.

Packing list and waiver that needs to be signed was sent in email. Please bring the waiver when we leave.

There is still room for another male chaperone if you are interested.

Youth Meeting - 2/23/2020

Pastor Gary will be in the Gray House to field questions. Be thinking of something to ask. All ministry teams & the meeting are at normal times & locations.

* Drama Team: everyone who wishes to participate in drama is welcome to come & join

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!
Please check emails. Let us know if you can help.



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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NEWEST MEMBER OF FUMCC

SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 2020



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