



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

February 18, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of the season of Lent. For centuries, the church has observed this 40 day period preceding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus as a time of repentance. It begins our journey as we focus on the reason why Jesus came into this world. He came to teach us, yes; He came to show us who God is and what he is like, yes; BUT he came into this world with the primary mission to give his life as a sacrifice for you and me. Long ago, Isaiah prophesied, in detail, that the Messiah would come and be “despised and rejected.....a man of sorrows.....pierced for our transgressions....the bearer of our sins.” (chapter 53)

So, come out to this service as we sing, pray, hear a short message on the meaning of Ash Wednesday and then have ashes imposed on our foreheads. We will join millions of Christians around the world as we prepare our hearts to walk together toward a hill called Calvary. We know that ultimately it led to an empty tomb, but it was on the cross where Jesus “finished” the plan whereby you and I can be saved and have the assurance of heaven.

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:

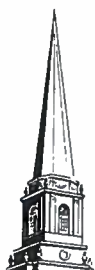
Bart & Jackie Lowdermilk & Jessica Crooks
Larry, Pam & Bryson Lowdermilk
Leah Lowdermilk
*Scott & Rebekah (Love) Mackinnon
*Ellen Maddox
*Donna Majeskie

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RESUMES!!! February 17, 2020

On January 19, 2020, the Administrative Council of FUMCC voted to tear down the Shell house rather than attempt to renovate and bring it to "Code" not knowing what the ultimate cost of renovation might be. Based on recent bids, the costs to demolish the house, remove all debris including the oil tank plus fill-in and level the site may be up to \$21,000. We currently have \$9,145 in hand for this purpose and now know we need to collect up to \$11,855 more to complete our "Campaign". Assuming there are no "surprises", when this additional amount is collected, the Campaign will officially end and any excess funds will be returned to the donor(s) unless the donor wishes to redirect the excess contribution to the church for other use or designated purpose such as the "Organ Fund".

Thank you for your patience as final decisions are made to complete this very successful "Campaign".

Sincerely,
Bob Goodson, Council Chair



THE
Capital
Campaign

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

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:
Lee & Betty Moritz
Dolores Setzer

Organ Fund

In memory of Don Barbersek by:
Susan Hunsucker
Wayne & Virginia Thornburg
Paul & Terri Engelberth
Keith & Tommie Hall
Hand & Foot Group & Domino's Group
Margaret & Jon Engelberth
Jack & Gaye Hoke
Lee & Betty Moritz
Dolores Setzer
Bruce & Michelle Cloninger
Don & Kay Hulse

In memory of Fred Fisher by:
Susan Hunsucker

In memory of Betty Keisler Moore by:
Cliff & Debbie Wike



NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 20** 6:30pm - UMM - Meeting (CFLC/Kitchen)
Feb. 22 2-4pm - Bridal Shower by M. Fisher (CFLC)
Feb. 23 2:00pm - Prayer Walk Mtg (Conf. room)
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)
Feb. 27 6:00pm - UMM (Drums/PW) CFLC/Kit.
Feb. 28 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (CFLC)
Mar. 1 Van - Michele Moritz's SS class
Mar. 3 Volunteer Day at ECCCM
Mar. 3 7-8:30pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (CFLC)
Mar. 5 7:00pm - Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
Mar. 6-7 30 Hour Famine - Youth (CFLC & GH)
Mar. 8 Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar. 8 Girl Scout Sunday
Mar. 8 4:00pm - Godly Play (Preschool room)

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you just doesn't seem like enough. We have been so humbled by the cards, food, prayers, gift cards and financial support to pay medical bills. The day that we heard "Breast cancer positive" was one of the scariest moments of our lives. We have been through some rough times with Andrea's car accident, years ago before we came to FUMC-Conover, but cancer is a scary word. With all of your support we have felt incredibly loved and supported. God is using each of you to help us through this journey. We know and believe that God has a plan and purpose for this journey. If you follow Andrea on Facebook then you know her verse for this journey is 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a self-control." God wants us to feel powerful in his love for us, put our worries upon him and seek Him in everything. In a time when we could feel out of control, we are choosing to trust in God to work through us, through Andrea, and in this time to show His never-ending love. May God bless each and every one of you and know that we appreciate everything that has been done and continues to be done for our family.

Love,
 Scott, Andrea, Sady and Chase Little

PASTOR'S QUIZ

The opinion that James held of the human tongue seems on the whole to have been



- extravagantly favorable
- cautiously favorable
- somewhat unfavorable
- decidedly unfavorable

(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@fumccconover.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 16, 2020
 Sunday School
 132

Worship:	
8:45 am	134
11:00 am	165
Live Streaming	<u>28</u>
Total	327

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 11,157.50
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	20.00
Children's Bank	6.00
Organ Fund	<u>955.00</u>
Total	\$ 12,138.50

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 Conover, NC 28613
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GUESTS for Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020:
 Teresa Myers; Hernan Puqa-Luna; Julie &
 Leonard Lawing; Malinda Kennedy; Bryan &
 Donna Ross; Don Lingerfelt; Michael Tozser;
 Jessica McGinnis & Colton; Keith & Susan Tucker;
 Axel & Jagger Beatenhead; John & Margie
 Furmage; Bob Tannehill; Emmett & Jane Wike;
 Scottie Corriher; Andy & Chloe Thompson;
 Jack Sigmon; Matt & Darla Peeler; Gary &
 Sharon Keuper; Richard Butler; Kathy, Samantha
 & Christian Leonard.

By Our Service February 23, 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
 11:00 AM

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Michelle Brackett
 11:00 AM Beverly Swithenbank

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 February, Laurette Rheeder.

NEWS FROM UMM

The Methodist Men will be having their meeting on March 19th at 6:30 PM in the CFLC. We are having as our guest, Erin Purgason. She is the owner of Highland Canine Dog Training. They professionally train service dogs. They have recently started Highland Canine Connect, which is a non-profit group that trains service dogs for people that can't afford to purchase or pay for professional training. She is coming to speak to us and we are inviting everyone in the church. If you are interested in coming and enjoying a meal and fellowship and listen to Erin speak, would you please go to our church website and sign up? You can click on "Get Involved" and then "Volunteer Signup". I have a sign-up sheet titled "Methodist Men's March 19th Meeting". Click on that and sign up. Put your name and email address and in the phone number section put how many in your group will be attending, so we will have enough food for everyone.

Thanks,
 Jeff Thornburg, President of UMM



MEN'S GROUP

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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
d. decidedly unfavorable (James 3:5-12)

MORE NEWS TO USE

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





Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

February

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
24 - Graduation Sunday
31 - Confirmation Sunday



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! Watch emails as we get closer to this event.



IgniteUs

Middle School trip to Camp Hanes
April 24th - 26th
NEED CHAPERONES!!!
More information to come.



Ridge Haven

What a great weekend of activities and worshipping Jesus. Thanks to our church family for helping make this trip possible.



Mission Trip

See email for possible summer mission trips! Week of June 21st.



Check us out on Facebook @ FUMCC Youth!



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)

Fueling Faith



DO WE WANT THIS?

National Day of Prayer Coordinator - May 7.

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

To enable us to continue these ministries we need leaders. Please contact Charmaine for more information. Prayerfully consider your gifts and talents to serve our Lord.

February 18, 2020

SAVE THESE DATES

- February 26 - Ash Wednesday
 - March 28 - Easter4Kids
- April 7, 8, 9 Prayer Walk 7 - 9pm
"Journey to Jerusalem"
- April 12 - Easter Sunday

GODLY PLAY

March 8, 4 - 5pm
(Preschool area)

Tuesday PRAYERS

10:45 - 11:45 in the parlor.

Youth In Training

Children please join us on **Feb 23** 5 - 6pm

Check-in: 5pm at the Gray House

5:10 - 5:30 Experiments & Devotion

5:30 - 5:50 Games & Memorizing
(Books in the New Testament)



A man goes into a church. He sees the cross above the altar. It has 4 segments, he realizes. He turns to go back out the door and notices there is an ax in the doorway, he steps over it.

Being that it is a very hot day, he pulls a Royal Crown Cola from his pocket. After his 1st sip, he sees a giant in the road! It is a giant eating popcorn!

Then he goes to a ball field and sees cheerleaders. They're cheering: "Thes..Thes..Tim-Tim Til!" But he can't see who they are cheering for! Then he sees it... they're cheering for the wrestlers under the bleachers. One has bruised the other! The bruised one was stuttering. He had to go home and put on his P-P-J-J-J-J's to recover. And the last Book of the New Testament is

Journey to Jerusalem - Prayer Walk

April 7 - 9 7 - 9pm

Next meeting: Sunday, February 23 at 2pm.

We Need YOU!!

Team leaders can be contacted NOW to sign up to be part of this event.

Art: Kaye Cloninger & Judy Rayburn-Young

Childcare: Rachel Hamilton

Jerusalem Citizens & Roman Soldiers:

Susan Hunsucker & Brenda Putnam
(Assist and guide visitors as needed)

Props: Martha Johnson

Prop Construction: Gerald Loftin & Ken Johnson

Sanctuary Ushers: Anita Deal

Seamstress: Sharon Hendricks

Set-Up/Tear Down - Anthony Price / Charmaine

MEMBERS OF FUMCC

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, 2019



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