



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 25, 2020

GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance. Godly Play has a foundation of 40+ years of research and practice. Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships. Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations. Godly Play allows practitioners to make relevant and personal theological meaning. Godly Play nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

Godly Play is the result of a lifetime of research and practice by theologian, author and educator The Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman. The Godly Play® method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into - and pursuing us in the midst of - Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives.

Join me **March 8, 4 - 5pm** in the Preschool classroom as I introduce the structure of a Godly Play session and explain the layout of the Godly Play room. This is also an opportunity to see whether this ministry is an area in which you wish to serve.

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JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Salutations to all!

I am feeling really good this Monday morning as I write this. The service at church Sunday was amazing, as are all Sundays. We are truly blessed, so let's share it with everyone. This leads me to *The Journey to Jerusalem* Prayer Walk, a unique way to prepare our community for Easter worship in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

On April 7-9, during the evening, participants will be invited to spend 30 minutes in personal contemplation, going on a virtual journey experiencing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Seating will be available at various stages in the walk for rest, contemplation, and prayerful reflection.

Begin your self-paced journey at the Connor Family Life Center any time between 7 – 9 pm on any night. The entire Walk is wheelchair accessible. Childcare will be provided.

(Continued on Fueling Faith page)

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:

Dave, Cheryl & Bradley Markland
Karen Martin
Tony & Kathy Martin
Mary & Brody Mason
Evan, Sydney & Elijah Matson
Mike, Kelly, Laci & Haley Matthews

LUNCH BUNCH

MARCH 11 AT 11:00AM

**OLIVE GARDEN
2261 US HWY 70
HICKORY, NC 28602
(828) 345-1015**



Rising Hope Farms

Volunteers Needed!

**3775 Bethany Church Road - Claremont
Volunteer Training Days
Saturday March 14 or Saturday March
28**

**10 am to Noon at the arena
Call or Text to Register:
Sandy 828-302-7240 or
Ellen 440-315-7816**

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Tina Hudson at CVMC

MEMORIALS

Organ Fund

In memory of Don Barbersek by:
Ray & Linda Birchfield
Jim & Jeanette Davis
Jenene & Tony Nellenbach
Ginger & Gray Doub
Barbara Bruner
George Bruner
Pat & Alice Woods

In memory of Fred Fisher by:
Ray & Linda Birchfield
Jim & Jeanette Davis



THANK YOU

Church Friends,
We truly appreciate your thoughtful contribution to The Corner Table. We would not do what it takes without the support of a generous community. It is because of you that we are able to continue putting smiles on the faces of our guests daily by means of a warm meal.

We are grateful.

The Corner Table

**Worship Committee Meeting
Sunday March 1, 4:30 PM
(Crossroads Classroom)
Connor Family Life Center**

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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. 1 5:30pm - Organ Dedication Concert
 (Sanctuary)
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)

NEWS FROM ECCCM

My name is Allen Sherrill and I am the Director of Food Pantry Operations at ECCCM. First, I want to thank you for all of the help your church provides ECCCM. We could not function without the support of our local churches. Second, I would like to invite your church to participate in our March Madness Food Drive for our 2nd year. Last year we collected over 2,800 pounds of food through this food drive. The bulk of that food came from our local churches, so thank you again for your tremendous support.

Through the month of March, we ask people to donate food on behalf of their favorite college basketball team. The team that donates the most wins the challenge. At the end of March the boxes can be brought by the ministry and we weigh everything to see not only who wins the overall contest, but which team prevailed at your church. The contest officially ends on April 6th.

People can also donate money if they want. The money will be counted as \$1 = 1 pound. Through Second Harvest and elsewhere, we can get a variety of quality and nutritious food for pennies on the dollar.

Boxes will be located in the connecting hallway between the offices and the CFLC.

VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

PASTOR'S QUIZ



"Let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay," urged James, instead of

- qualifying every assertion
- indulging in indecisiveness
- swearing
- sulking

(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 23, 2020
 Sunday School
 147

Worship:	
8:45 am	130
11:00 am	142
Live Streaming	<u>29</u>
Total	301

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 13,731.50
 (Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	150.00
Children's Bank	18.32
Miracle Moms' Ministry	125.00
Organ Fund	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 19,524.82

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 410 First Avenue North
 Conover, NC 28613
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GUESTS for Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020:
 Joanie, Cass & Heather Taliaferro; Jessica McGinnis & Colton; Isaac Lafone; John & Margie Furmage; Emmett & Jane Wike; Jack Sigmon; Adam, Erin, Landon, Harper & Delaney Clawson; Phyllis Brown; Keith & Susan Tucker, Nick & Ryan; Hank Beck; Nancy Murray; John & Christy Jeffries; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Andy & Chloe Thompson; Leonard & Julie Lawing; Malinda Kennedy; Caroline Long; Judy & Stan Lail.

By Our Service March 1, 2020

Ushers:
 8:45 AM Scott Love
 11:00 AM Ron Harris

Greeters:
 8:45 AM Kelle Love
 11:00 AM Dottie Harris

Acolyte:
 8:45 AM Jarrett Rheeder
 11:00 AM Kaela Briggs

Nursery Workers:
 8:45 AM Andrea Little
 11:00 AM Brenda Putnam

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for March, Melissa Johnson.

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

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 (ps@fumconover.org)

Lead Nursery Worker Pilar Tobar

Custodian Luisa Toro Bryan
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Church Office (828) 464-3423

Facsimile

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Pastor's phone numbers (828) 464-4635-church
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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. swearing (James 5:12)

MORE NEWS TO USE

NEWS FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

The Trustee's have been hard at work with projects throughout the Church. We would like to bring you up to date with the projects completed, scheduled and pending.

Completed Jobs

1. Carpets cleaned in the gray house and a general cleaning of the house is in process.
2. Victor Morales of the Catawba County Sheriff's department will be using the Shell property as a Swat Training on the night of February 13-14.
3. A policy on using the Tables and Chairs has been implemented.
4. Playground area has had a new layer of mulch added.
5. All Fire Extinguishers have been inspected for 2020 and added one in the Kitchen. List of all fire extinguishers has been added to Trustees Book.
6. Hood System and fire extinguisher has been inspected for 2020.
7. Men's and Women's toilets have been repaired in the playschool.

Pending projects

8. We are in the process of getting the floors cleaned throughout the church.
9. We are in the process of replacing the Gym, preschool classrooms and the church office areas with LED lights.
10. We are in the process of obtaining bids on repairing the parking lot next to the gray house.
11. Hydro-Clean will be cleaning the sidewalks in front of the church and all the Columbarium area along with the windows in the Connor Family Life Center scheduled for early March.
12. We are in the process of obtaining bids for the demolition of the Shell House.
13. We have new signs coming asking for no trucks and over night parking unless approve for church functions.
14. All outside poll safety lights are being replaced with LED lights with a saving of about \$50 a month.
15. Mike Matthews will be repairing dumpster pad in March or April depending on weather.
16. Hickory Swat Team will be using the Shell property for swat team practice first on March.
17. Gerald Loftin is making emergency exit signs for each area of the church
18. Need to get Elevator signs showing where the elevator is located.
19. Have talked to Duke Energy about cutting power to the shell house and adding it to the garage. Checking with electrician about cost of adding a power box. Also, will add a safety light to the poll next to the columbarium.

Keith Hall,
Trustees Chairman

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

*SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020
ORGAN CONCERT - 5:30pm
(SANCTUARY)*



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY



For those who wish to volunteer to help in the Nursery on Sundays, you may now go to the church's website - www.fumconover.org, click on "Get Involved" and click on "Volunteer Sign-up" and click on "Noah's Ark Nursery". Thank you for your valuable service.

UPPER ROOMS

Upper Rooms are now available to be picked up either upstairs behind the Sanctuary or downstairs in the Common Area.



Youth In Training

Next Meeting: March 1 - Godly Play 4pm

Scavenger Hunt in Newton coming in March!!! Details to follow.

You are invited to
Tuesday PRAYERS

We meet in the parlor from
10:45 - 11:45am



Journey to Jerusalem - Prayer Walk April 7 - 9 7 - 9pm

(Continued from front page)

This is a whole-church effort to minister to the community and beyond so we are asking for your help. We need volunteers to set-up spaces on Sunday (April 5). We also need greeters and hosts in Biblical costumes, for each night, and people to help tear down on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Most importantly we need you to invite people far and wide to come and Celebrate Easter through the experience of this walk and our other Easter services.

There are about 12 areas that will need to be set up by Monday evening and we Need YOU!!

I am asking for volunteers to be in charge of the each of the different areas of the Prayer Walk. For example, if you volunteered to be in charge of "The Ministry of Jesus" area, you would have a list / make a list of what you need to set up this space, and give it to our Props Department (yes we have a Props Department!) Recruit some volunteers to help set up and voila, your area is ready to go. This is a lot easier than it sounds, ask those who helped last year. Get two or three in an area and it comes together very well. If you chose to volunteer to do this, remember, I am there, Charmaine is there, all of the other volunteers are there and we are all glad to help. Also remember, it takes all of us doing multiple functions at different times, to put this together. If you wish to help, contact Charmaine or myself.

To the Glory of our Lord and Savior! Easter is Coming!!!

Anthony Price

SAVE THESE DATES

- February 26 - Ash Wednesday (6pm)
- March 28 - Easter4Kids (10 - 11am)
- April 7, 8, 9 Prayer Walk (7 - 9pm)
 "Journey to Jerusalem"
- April 10 - Service of Darkness (8pm)
 - April 12 - Easter Sunday

**Now "Hiring"
VBS Director**

Please see
Charmaine for
details.

Couch Conversations

An alternative to Sunday school.
Sunday mornings 10 - 10:45 in the
area outside Charmaine's office /
Conference Room.

Current Topic, based on the movie
Like Arrows
is **Disciplining for Success**



Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

March

1 - Mission Trip Meeting
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

June

7 - Year-End Cookout



Thank you!

Special Thanks to Pastor Gary for coming to the Gray House on 2/23. We appreciate his willingness to field some very tough questions. We learned a lot and are thankful for his time.

30-Hour Famine 3/6 & 3/7

30-Hour Famine will start at 5pm on 3/6.
Let us know if you can attend.
Watch emails for this event.



IgniteUs

Middle School trip to Camp Hanes
April 24th - 26th
NEED CHAPERONES!!!
Please see email.



Mission Trip

Meeting on Sunday, March 1 @ 4pm in the Gray House.
See email for information.



Check us out on Facebook @ FUMCC Youth!



For more information about the Youth Ministry at Conover First United Methodist Church, please contact

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Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)

March 2020

April 2020

March 2020

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Mar 8 - 14

Mar 15 - 21

Mar 22 - 28

Mar 29 - Apr 4

First UMC
Birthdays
Who = (everyone); Filter = Birthday

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mackenzie Johnson	2 Hayden Bandy Jeff Sierzenga	3 Dolores Setzer Jeff Shepherd	4 Rebecca Fulbright	5 Christopher Koenig	6 Andrea Long	7 Gilda Pennell
8 Steven Heafner	9 Chelsea Puca-Luna James Weaver	10 Brian Kelly	11 Rita Deal Martha Johnson Randy Porter Glenna Sherrill	12 Nancy Clarke Tina Hudson Lee Thornburg	13 Patrick Morrow David Stedman	14 Coulton McGinnis Chris Miller Pauline Parker Faith Pennell
15 Chip Hennessee John Van Rooyen	16 Lauren Slaughte	17 Ashley Sierzenga	18 Jayden Kimsey Sethu Palmer	19 Michael Connor		
22 Troi Butler Chase Connor Larry Currie Debi Sprague Lynn Watson	23 Laci Matthews	24 Rachael Simmons	25 Mary Beth Hennessee Mary Hornick Don Shook	26 Sue Dwiggins	27 Parker Garrison	28 McCoy Keisler Morgan Williams
29 Eric Connor Alexander Copeland Trevor Monk	30 Barbara Wilcox	31 Debbie Royals				

First UMC
Wedding Anniversaries
Who = (everyone); Filter = Wedding

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 Buck and Anne Calloway					
	16 Mark and Faith Pennell	17 Jeffrey and Jennifer Heafner Julie and Chris Miller	18 Steven and Brenda Heafner Adam and Melissa Johnson		13 Danielle and Josh Sigmon	14 Chip and Mary Beth Hennessee
		24 Eric and Mary Leslie Yount				21 Ryan and Angela Garrison Evan and Sydney Matson
						28 Finley and Carole Cloninger