



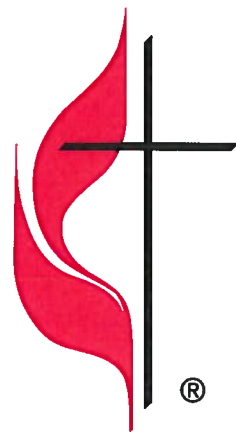
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

February 4, 2020

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATION

With all of the talk and angst about the future of the United Methodist Church and what will happen at this year's General Conference, May 5 – 15.....a group of very diverse clergy, bishops and leaders recently met to form a new proposal. In this group were traditionalists, centrists and progressives who all came together in agreement that the best way for the "people called Methodist" to move forward is an amicable separation. This proposal is called "A Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation." Although we do not know exactly what will happen in May, I believe that this proposal has a tremendous amount of diverse support. If it should pass, what will happen??

The United Methodist Church will continue to be the "mainline" church and will remove all language in the Book of Discipline prohibiting pastors from officiating at same sex weddings and "self avowed practicing homosexuals" from being ordained as clergy. Those who are opposed to this will form a Traditional Methodist Denomination. Each annual conference will vote with which group to affiliate by a 57% majority. For purposes of information, let us say that our Western NC Annual Conference would vote to remain with the mainline church. If this happens, then churches who are opposed to this will hold a Church Conference to decide and vote on "separating" from the UM Church and affiliating with a new, geographical annual conference of the Traditional Methodist Church. I do not know what the new name will be as of yet but, for now, we will call it the Traditional Methodist Church. We will pay financial apportionments to the UM Church for a little longer but soon after the vote we will then cease. At some point, once leadership is developed for the new Church, we will begin contributing to that group but it will be significantly less. **The Trust Clause will go away which is the paragraph in the Discipline which states that all land, buildings and assets of a local church ultimately belong to the Annual Conference.** Churches can take their land and buildings with them to join the new church with **no fees, penalties or price.** The mainline UM church will give 25 million dollars to the new denomination to help them get established. The details of this separation are designed so that everyone gives and takes in order that there are no "winners" or "losers." Pension plans for clergy and lay employees remain in place with no changes for both denominations. As in anything, the "devil is in the details" and it will take some time for the dust to settle on all the issues. Pastors will continue to be appointed from within the denomination they choose. For the Traditional Methodists, Pastor-Parish committees will be able to interview candidates and then submit their choices to the new bishop or superintendent for appointment. Local Churches will have until December 31, 2024 to make a decision on which way they choose to go.

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PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS

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The question which I initially had and I am sure you are asking is this: **Since the traditional Methodist Church will continue the historic doctrine and teachings of the "people called Methodist" since our beginning---why should WE be the ones to have to leave?** Well, here is the answer.....those representing the "other side" will absolutely not leave and we will continue to be in a church where leaders disregard the Discipline and pastors and churches openly rebel against our teachings. We will continue to be in a denomination which has moved far from our original biblical teachings in many areas. If we stay with the mainline UM church, we WILL receive pastors who will support, encourage and perform same sex weddings. By leaving, we will be free to get back to who God called us to be 250 years ago and with a new conference of churches, pastors and people who share this biblical mindset.

For now, let us be praying for God's will to be done. God has always been about the business of birthing new movements to carry on his mission. Thank God Martin Luther spearheaded this in 1521 and John Wesley led this movement in 1784. Now, God is once again making a move. It is not the end.....it is a new beginning!! As information comes forth, I will share it with you....and once General Conference makes its decision....we will meet together to discuss and decide.

Dr. Gary



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:

*Kevin Letterman
Aaron Little
Brad & Kim Little
Chip, Dana & Mack Little
Scott, Andrea, Sady & Chase Little
Felicia Little

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

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Dottie Harris at CVMC (Room 437)

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

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.

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 6** 7pm - Scout Roundtable (CFLC)
Feb. 9 Scouting Ministries Sunday
Feb. 9 2pm - Prayer Walk Planning Meeting (Conference room)
Feb. 9 3:30-7pm Youth Tms & Mtgs (Sanc./GH/CFLC)
Feb. 9 5-6:30pm Youth-in-Training (Gray House)
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)

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 Laurette Rheeder at (828) 238-8101.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Anyone who is a hearer of the word and not a doer, said James, is like a man who beholds

- the passing crowd in the street
- the moon and stars in the sky
- the unopened books on the shelves
- his face in a glass

(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 2, 2020
 Sunday School
 151

Worship:	
8:45 am	166
11:00 am	151
Live Streaming	25
Total	342

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 25,634.40
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	220.00
Children's Bank	1.00
Organ Fund	1,405.00
Total	\$ 27,260.40

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 410 First Avenue North
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GUESTS for Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020
 Roger, Lisa & Megan Johnson; Haley Beech;
 John & Margie Furmage; Emmett & Jane Wike;
 Cindy & J.D. Heard; Andy & Chloe Thompson;
 Jack Sigmon; John & Chris Jeffries; Don Lingerfelt;
 Keith & Susan Tucker; Gracyn Tucker; Hank Beck;
 Lynn Murphy; Gary & Sharon Keuper; James &
 Sandra Little.

By Our Service February 9, 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 Jacob Sierzenga
 11:00 AM Bradley Markland

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Michele Moritz
 11:00 AM Lisa Hernandez

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
 February, Laurette Rheeder.

LUNCH BUNCH
February 12, 2020
At 11:30am

Hen & Egg
204 N. College
Newton, NC 28658



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Community Engagement Outreach Committee will meet Sunday, February 9 at 2:00pm in the Conference room for the Prayer Walk planning.



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
d. his face in a glass (James 1:23-34)

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

MORE NEWS TO USE

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Fred Fisher by:
Troy & Kristin Bennett
Littlejohn & Karla McSwain

Organ Fund

In memory of Fred Fisher by:
Gerald & Sandra Loftin

In memory of Don Barbersek by:
Gerald & Sandra Loftin

In Memory of Terry Martin by:
Karen Martin

In memory of Sadie Clark by:
Jimmy & Cindy Clark

SYMPATHY NOTE

Don Barbersek, age 80 and husband of Jan Barbersek, died Sunday morning, February 2, 2020. He was a member at FUMCC. The arrangements are incomplete at this time. A phone tree message will be sent out when the arrangements are known.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan and the family during this difficult time.



ATTENTION GOODTIMERS!!!

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

**NEXT GOODTIMERS'
OUTING
HISTORICAL TRIP - DETAILS TO
FOLLOW!**



A WORD FROM ECCCM

Pastor and Congregation,
Thank you so much for volunteering with us last month! Your church worked a total of 192.25 hours with 8 volunteers during December, 2019.

As you know, 20% of homes in our community live with food insecurity. Your hard work helped alleviate that problem.

We had a great time with you! We look forward to working with you all again!

If anyone in your congregation would like to volunteer with us regularly, please contact Allen Sherrill at (828) 465-1702 or email Allen at a.sherrill@ecccm.org.

Thank you again for all of your hard work!

Sincerely,
Allen Sherrill, Director of Food Pantry Operations



Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover

Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

February

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)

May

3 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

17 - Youth Sunday



Youth Meeting - 2/9/2020

Our next Youth meeting is Sunday, 2/9. Ministry teams and meetings are at the same times / locations. (Please try and make practices as they are limited.)

3:30 - Praise Team (Sanctuary)

4:15 - Dance Team (CFLC)

5:00 - Youth Meeting (Gray House)

6:30 - Drama (CFLC)

Ridgehaven - Feb 14 - 16

High Schoolers will be going to Ridgehaven. Registration code was sent in email. There is a waiver that must be signed attached to the email. Contact Charles or Mary if you did not receive it.

Departure time is 4pm on Friday 2/14. Payment is \$95. Contact Charles or Mary with any issues. Packing list forthcoming.

Another male chaperone is needed.

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. Help is needed overnight & Saturday..



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