



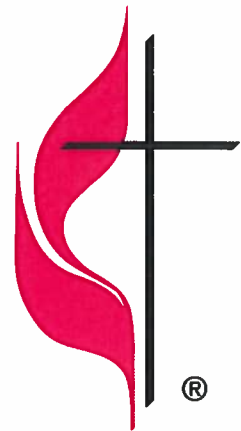
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

March 10, 2020

God's Mission, Our Mission

(The following is from UMC//EMC –Blog articles for UMCOR.)

God's Holy Spirit calls the Church into being for mission. The Church experiences and engages in God's mission as it pours itself out for others, ready to cross every boundary to call for true human dignity among all peoples. As Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

UMCOR, The United Methodist Committee on Relief, takes this call to heart. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **UMCOR** is the hands and feet of Jesus whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

Since 1940, **UMCOR** has grown from providing necessities to refugees and displaced populations, to getting involved in reconstruction, rehabilitation and repatriation of refugees and prisoners of war, restoration of churches and civil operations, and reconciliation – an effort to restore peace and goodwill. Later it expanded its scope to include agricultural and community development projects, as well as medical relief and development, and disaster risk reduction programs.

UMCOR's stated mission is: "Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called United Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing."

People around the world now know the transformative power of Christ through the action of first responders and volunteers of UMCOR. Their vision is to come together to strengthen and transform people and communities. We pray constantly for God's grace to be known through us as we provide sustainable, practical and purposeful relief to those in need around the globe.

Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something **"they" do, it can be something "we" do**. We hope that you will give this upcoming **UMCOR Sunday, March 22**, so that we, along with our United Methodist congregations around the globe, can share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation.

Lois Goodson, Missions and Outreach

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:

Richard & Revonda Matthews
Robert Matthews
*Windy & *Robin Mays
Eva, Alexis & Tristan Mays
Jeff Mays
*Abigail McAdams

SYMPATHY NOTE

Grace Denton Whitlock, age 97 and mother of Charles Whitlock, died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Charlotte, NC. She was born August 9, 1922 in Talladega, AL. Grace was a member of FUMCC. A private family graveside service took place by a celebration of life reception at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Donations may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region, PO Box 470408, Charlotte, NC 28247.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles, Carolyn and the family during this sad time.



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

None

MEMORIALS

Organ Fund

In memory of Don Barbersek by:

A.P. & S.A. Parker
Sharpe Bible Class

Mark & Rita Deal

Carol Dickinson

Eddie & Carol Warren

M.G. Doub

Electrical Generating Systems Association

In memory of Fred Fisher by:

Sharpe Bible Class

Carol Dickinson

In memory of Betty Moore by:

Sharpe Bible Class

In memory of Jean Wofford by:

Jeff & Jennifer Wofford

In memory of Doris Safrit by:

Danny & Sandy Baucom

In memory of Joan Doub by:

M.G. Doub

In memory of Anne Hall by:

M.G. Doub

HONORARIUM

Local Missions Fund

In honor of FUMCC UMM by:

Gilda Pennell

UMCOR OFFERING

Beginning this Sunday, March 15 through Sunday, March 29, offerings may be received for the victims of the tornados in Tennessee. Please make your checks payable to FUMCC and in the memo section write "Disaster Response". Please place these offerings in the offering plates with the regular offerings through March 29th. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mar. 13** 6:30am - Girl Scouts (CFLC)
Mar. 15 4:00pm - Finance Com. Mtg. (Conf. room)
Mar. 15 5:00pm - Church Council (Clark classroom)
Mar. 17 7-8:30pm - Disciple Bible Study (CFLC)
Mar. 18 12pm - Goodtimers St. Patty's Day Luncheon (CFLC/Kitchen)
Mar. 19 6:30pm - UMM Meeting (CFLC/Kitchen)
Mar. 22 3:30-6:30pm Yth Min. Tms (Sanc/GH/CFLC)
Mar. 22 5-6:30pm - Yth-n-Training (Gray House)
Mar. 24 7-8:30pm - Disciple Bible Study (CFLC)
Mar. 27 2pm until - Set up CFLC for Easter 4 Kids
Mar. 28 10am-11:30pm - Easter 4 Kids (CFLC)
Mar. 29 8:45 & 11am - Easter Cantata (Sanctuary)

NEWS FROM ECCCM

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.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Peter characterized

- woman as the weaker
- man as the stronger
- woman as the stronger
- man and woman as equal in essential strength

(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 March 1, 2020
 Sunday School
 141

Worship:
 8:45 am 139
 11:00 am 143
 Live Streaming 25
 Total 307

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 17,019.25
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)
 Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.) 720.00
 Children's Bank 128.60
 Miracle Moms' Ministry 150.00
 Organ Fund 3,563.00
 Total \$ 21,580.85

Attendance at Ash Wednesday Service = 107

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence March 8, 2020
 Sunday School
 147

Worship:
 8:45 am 154
 11:00 am 141
 Live Streaming 23
 Total 318

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 14,409.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)
 Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.) 90.00
 Disciple 1 (Workbook) 34.00
 Girl Scouts 10.00
 Local Missions (Spec. Designation) 750.00
 Local Missions Fund 50.00
 Miracle Moms' Ministry 150.00
 Organ Fund 225.00
 Total \$ 15,718.00

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GUESTS for Sunday, Mar. 1, 2020:

Sharon Benfield; Emmett & Jane Wike; John & Margie Furmage; Nancy Rudisill Cheek; Stan & Judy Lail; Phyllis Brown; Hank Beck; Lynn & Mark Murphy; Chloe Thompson.

GUESTS for Sunday, Mar. 8, 2020:

Joanie, Cass & Heather Taliaferro; Hank Beck; Lynn & Mark Murphy; Lindsay, Keith & Nick Phillips; Ashlee Collins; Bryan Donna & Jessie Ross; Gary & Sharon Keuper; Hernan Puqa-Luna; Julie & Leonard Lawing; Malinda Kennedy; Emmett & Jane Wike; Andy & Chloe Thompson; Saul Pavlinsky, Jr.; Kole Miller; Jack Sigmon; Kathy, Samantha & Christian Leonard; Bob Tannehill; John & Margie Furmage; Josephine Gardue; Dawn Pennenga.

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. 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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
a. woman as the weaker (1 Peter 3:7)

By Our Service March 15, 2020

Ushers:

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

Greeters:

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

Acolytes:

8:45 AM Haley Matthews
11:00 AM Bradley Markland

Nursery Workers:

8:45 AM Diane Howard
11:00 AM Kim Connor

Thank you Nursery Committee Coordinator for
March, Melissa Johnson.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
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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

GOODTIMERS' ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON IN MEMORY OF DON BARBERSEK

We will be having our Goodtimers' Luncheon on Wednesday, March 18 at noon in the CFLC. We will be having our Irish/St. Patrick's Day meal in honor and memory of Don Barbersek. Don was our main cook for this day/meal!

Menu will be Corn Beef/Cabbage/Red Potatoes/Carrots/Soda Bread! Eddie Warren is looking for some "Green" desserts! If anyone can provide a Greenie, contact Eddie at (828) 464-9643 and let him know what you will be bringing. Invite a friend and remember to wear something green!



Goodtimers' Luncheon

NEWS FROM ECCCM

Pastor & Congregation,
Thank you so much for volunteering with us in January! Your church worked a total of 226.25 hours with 8 volunteers.

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 again on Tuesday, April 7th!

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

Thank you again for all of your hard work!
Sincerely, Allen Sherrill, Director of Food Pantry Operations



**Feeding the
Community**

EVEN MORE NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EASTER 4 KIDS

Saturday, March 28



FUMC will be inviting all children to an Easter celebration just for kids. We will need volunteers to help the children learn about Jesus and his journey through Jerusalem – from His entry on Palm Sunday to His resurrection. We will offer crafts, activities, lessons and snacks. To finish our celebration, there will be an Easter egg hunt.

Volunteers will be needed from 9:30 – 11:30am. This is a fun event and an important ministry for all those who participate.

If you can help with one of the stories, an activity or a craft, please contact JoEllen Knecht at 828-244-9437 or joellenknecht@yahoo.com.

EASTER 4 KIDS

All children, ages 2 through 5th grade, and their families are invited to a special Easter celebration on:

Saturday, March 28, 2020

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Children will learn about Jesus' journey through Jerusalem, from His entry on Palm Sunday to His resurrection. There will be crafts, activities, and snacks. This celebration will be a blessing to all children and their families. You won't want to miss it and be sure to invite friends, grandchildren, and neighbors!!

Bring BASKETS for the Easter egg hunt!!





Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

March

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

21-27 - Mission Trip



30-Hour Famine

The famine was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped! We raised over \$500 to help fight world hunger.



Senior Hand Prints

One of the great youth traditions during 30-Hour famine is to have our seniors that will be graduating leave a Bible verse & what it means to them with the youth group! They then put their handprint, name, school, year and verse on the wall.

IgniteUs

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



Mission Trip

The trip is to Panama City, FL the week of June 21st
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
Charles Hornick (828-381-7231 / charles_h71@charter.net)
Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)

Rising Hope Farms

3775 Bethany Church Road, Claremont, NC 28610

risinghopefarms.com



Volunteer Training

Saturday, March 14 or 28, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon at the arena

We Need You!

Volunteers are the backbone of our therapeutic riding program. The commitment of our volunteers enables RHF to offer therapy riding free of charge.

Rising Hope Farms has volunteering opportunities for everyone (14 years or older). Your help is needed and we will find a place for you in our volunteer program.

- ☆ Rider Assistant/Side Walker
- ☆ Horse Handling/Care
- ☆ Barn/Arena/Ground Maintenance
- ☆ Administrative/Office

Additional information on volunteering can be found by visiting our website at risinghopefarms.com

IMPORTANT: New volunteers need to complete the registration form which is available online. Volunteers under the age of 18, must have parental signature on the **LIABILITY WAIVER & RELEASE** form and bring that with you to the training. Background checks will be required [over 18 years of age].

Call or Text
Sandy at
828-302-7240 or
Ellen at 440-315-
7816 to register!