



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 17, 2020

2020 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

My dear friends,

This year, the youth have decided to go to Panama City, FL for a building mission trip. Hurricane Michael was a category 5 storm that hit the Florida panhandle in October 2018. They are still trying to recover from the devastation that the storm brought. Our group is going down to help in that effort.

Our youth have a passion for these mission trips. They get rewarded physically, emotionally, and spiritually from these trips. Michael Harris, a member of the youth group, wants to share what these trips mean to him and why he attends each year.

"For the past several years the youth summer mission trips have been a staple in my youth experience. They have meant a lot to me and it is always the first event I make sure to put on my calendar. The mission trips have brought me in with fun activities and time with friends, but have left me with a closer relationship with God. The mission trips always make me feel good knowing that I am helping communities and individuals, while I also get to have a good time with our leaders, youth and even other youth groups. It always gives me a boost of encouragement when I remember my church family at home and know that they are sending prayers and support. As the range of our missions expands, the impact on other peoples' lives is also increased. Every time I go, I am filled with the satisfaction of having done something that God has willed me to do. Thank you, church family, for your continued love and support."

Isaiah 6:8-9 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The youth are willing to go and we are asking for help from our church family to make this trip happen. This trip will be one of the more costly trips that we have done. Once things return to normal, we will have youth at the door as you leave worship to collect any donation you feel led to contribute. The youth thank you so very much for your support.

Charles & Mary



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:

Connie, Chris & Thomas McCoy
Kim McDuffie
Brandon, *Anna, Brianna & Maxwell Miller
Jennifer & *Todd Miller
*Chris Miller
Julie & Alli Miller

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

THANK YOU

What a blessing to be loved and supported by this wonderful congregation. Thank you for the healing prayers, the visits, the food and the many cards. Bless each and everyone of you.

Your's in Christ's Love,
Jan Barbersek

My mailing address:
609 2nd Ave NW
Conover, NC 28613



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

Betty Fisher
Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn
Room 200

4174 Shook Road
Conover, NC 28613

Nell Johnson
Kingston Residence
904 2nd Street NE, Apt. 109
Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 328-9920 - landline
(828) 228-7396 - cell

Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road
Conover, NC 28613

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237
Conover, NC 28613

PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

Church members:

Coronavirus is with us and could be around for the next few weeks. Here are some steps that may help you avoid or reduce your exposure to COVID-19.

To protect yourself, you can:

- Clean your hands often, preferably with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with someone who is sick; has traveled to one of CDC designated level 2 or 3 countries or has been diagnosed positive with the coronavirus.
- **Stay home if you are sick or have been exposed.**
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that people touch frequently.

Resources for more information about COVID-19:

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website
North Carolina Coronavirus Hotline: 1-866-462-3821
South Carolina Centers for Disease Control:

NEWS TO USE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 22 Cancelled - Youth Min. Teams
Mar. 22 Cancelled - Youth-N-Training
Mar. 24 Cancelled - Disciple Bible Study - Lessons are on YouTube at Dr. Gary Royals, Disciple Bible Study and pull up Lesson 8
Mar. 28 Cancelled - Easter 4 Kids
Mar. 29 Live Streamed at 10:30am - Easter Cantata

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Barbara Ethel Mackenzie Henderson, age 90 of Hixson, TN and mother of Eddie Henderson, died Friday, March 13, 2020. The family will receive friends from 5-7pm Tuesday, March 17th at the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11am Wednesday, March 18 at Hixson UMC. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eddie, Connie and the family during this sad time.

REGULAR OFFERINGS & UMCOR OFFERINGS

You are welcome to mail in your pledge offerings to the church at 410 1st Avenue North, Conover, NC 28613. You may also mail in your offerings for the victims of the tornados in Tennessee through March 29, 2020. Please make your checks payable to FUMCC and in the memo section write "Disaster Response".

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.

DUE TO THE WATER HEATER BEING OUT AT THE GRAY HOUSE, IT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL EVENTS UNTIL IT IS REPAIRED.

From: Trustees

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.

Scholarships


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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence March 15, 2020
 Sunday School
 N/A

Worship:	
Live Streaming	<u>124 Households</u>
Total	310

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$	N/A
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>		
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)		
Organ Fund		
Total	\$	

Money received March 16 - 19 will be counted with money received March 20-22 and deposited on Monday, March 23, 2020.

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 410 First Avenue North
 Conover, NC 28613
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GUESTS for Sunday, Mar. 15, 2020:
 N/A

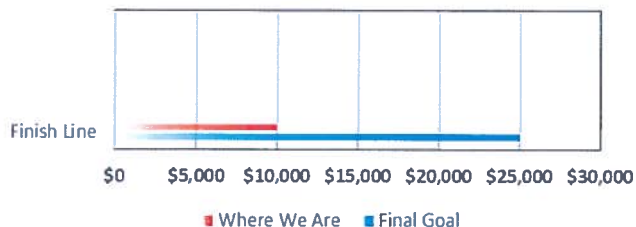
**SHELL PROPERTY/
 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE
 "THE FINAL SPRINT"**

As of March 9, 2020, we only need \$10,970 plus an estimated \$2,000 to \$4000 to remove some asbestos found during an inspection for obtaining the permit to raze the house. We expect to determine the exact amount needed this week, but wanted to get this in the newsletter to begin "The Final Sprint" to end the capital campaign. The final hurdle and the finish line are in sight. Beginning next week, we will report our progress weekly in hopes that we can cross the finish line prior to our scheduled homecoming service on May 3rd when we plan to burn the bank note.

Again, thanks for your performance during this capital campaign. You have run a tremendous race that is nearly over and it is very much appreciated. Let us not fall short.

Sincerely,
Bob Goodson

**SHELL PROPERTY
 "THE FINAL SPRINT"**



All Events & Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

**No Services or Sunday school
 March 22 - March 29, 2020.**

**The Sermons will be live-streamed at
 10:30am.**

There will be Choir practice.

**We will reassess and communicate after
 March 29, 2020.**

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



Isaiah 64:8

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2019-2020

Calendar Watch

March

22 - ~~Meeting & Ministry Teams~~
Cancelled

April

5 - ~~Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams~~ - **Cancelled**

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



No Youth Meeting on March 22nd

The youth meeting & ministry teams scheduled for March 22nd have been **cancelled**. Watch newsletter, email, & Facebook for any updates.

Next Youth Meeting April 19th

Our next youth meeting and ministry teams will be at all normal times and locations. There are just 2 remaining before Youth Sunday..



IgniteUs

Middle School trip to Camp Hanes where Middle School Youth groups come together for fun and worship. April 24th - 26th.

See email

NEED CHAPERONES!!!



Mission Trip

This year's trip is to Panama City, FL to help rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Michael.

It is the week of June 21st.

Please let us know if you want to attend. See email for more 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)

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				2 Harold and Ruthie Thornburg		
	6 Robert and Jaunita Whisnant	7 Dale and Rebekah Lafone				11 Ray and Pam Penley
12 Glenn and Cindy Casterline				16 Larry and Pam Lowdermilk Don and Vata Shook	17 Gary and Tammy Muller	
19 Bob and Lois Goodson Brad and Kim Little	20 Billy and Beth Boston		22 Steve and Michele Danner			
		28 Wesley and Brandie Tucker				