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***Our Mission:***

***Bring Them In...***

***Build Them Up...***

***Send Them Out!***



*The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover*

*March 24, 2020*

To the Church Family,

Hello all! I hope you are all safe and healthy!

These are strange times indeed. I am thankful for the technology we have - when it works - that allows us to still communicate with one another and attend church by live-streaming. It's not the same as face to face, but it is enough to keep us connected as a church during these trying times.



*"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20*  
Barring any new mandates the choir will have a rehearsal Wednesday night, March 25th before performing the cantata live streamed at 10:30 am Sunday morning. I am thankful the Church Counsel is allowing us to rehearse once more and to perform the cantata we have been working on for two months prior to the pandemic. We look forward to sharing our worship through song.

The cantata is titled "Is He Worthy?" (*Spoiler alert: He is!*) and is a combination of favorite hymns with some newer praise music. Here is a list of the songs we will be performing for you and our God:

*Hallelujah to the Lamb Medley  
Journey to the Cross  
Written in Red  
Christ Is Risen Medley  
Is He Worthy?  
Revelation Song Medley  
Build My Life with Is He Worthy?*

Stay safe, stay healthy and remember to wash your hands!  
Jon

# \*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:

Todd Miller  
Kim Millsaps, \*Shannon & Molly  
Angie & Trevor Monk  
Greg Monk  
Harry & Trenia Monk  
Stephen & \*Kathryn Monroe

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

## **MEMORIAL General Fund**

In memory of Joe Harlin Rudisill by:  
Mike, Alice, Julie, Cole & Caelynn Wilson



## **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

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Conover, NC 28613

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237  
Conover, NC 28613

## **NOTE OF SYMPATHY**

Jim Davis, son of James & Jeanette Davis, died Saturday, March 21, 2020 in Georgia.

A service of Committal will take place at our Columbarium at a later date.

Please be in prayer for James & Jeanette and the family during this difficult time.



## **THANK YOU FROM FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER**

Dear FUMCC,

We can't thank you enough for your wonderful support of our First Step Services and Shelter for Battered Women. Your donations will be used to meet the needs of these victims.

Thank you for your kind support of the Family Guidance Center.

LaWanda Brown, Executive Director

# NEWS TO USE

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

All upcoming events cancelled until further notice. Worship will be live-streamed every Sunday at 10:30am during this time.

## PASTOR'S QUIZ



It is better to suffer, wrote Peter, if that should be God's will, for

- a. well doing than for evil doing
- b. evil doing than for well doing
- c. evil doing than for right thinking
- d. right thinking than for evil doing

(The correct answer is on the back of the newsletter.)

## 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 RE-PAIRED.**

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](mailto: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.



## 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 22, 2020  
Sunday School  
N/A

Worship:	
Live Streaming	<u>199 Households</u>
Total	497

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

General Fund	\$ 10,209.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	50.00
Children's Bank	15.00
Disciple 1 (workbook)	35.00
Miracle Moms	100.00
UMCOR (Disaster Relief)	350.00
Youth Fund (World Vision)	<u>260.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,019.00

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**GUESTS for Sunday, Mar. 22, 2020:**  
199 households viewing by live-streaming

**PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19**

Church family,

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:  
1-800-232-4635

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

*a. well doing than for evil doing (1 Peter 3:17)*

**All Events & Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.**

**There will be Choir practice Wednesday, Mar. 25th at 7pm.**

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

**The Easter Cantata will be live-streamed  
at 10:30am Sunday, Mar. 29th.**

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

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Assistant Pastor's address	Conover, NC 28613



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## Fueling Faith

### Praying the Word Over the Coronavirus Crisis

Does it seem to you that life is out of control right now? Many believers are worried and concerned as the Coronavirus ravages the earth. And yet, we have an All-Powerful Father who was not surprised in the least by this seemingly catastrophic event in world history.

The Corona Virus has sparked fear, stress, uncertainty, hoarding, greed, panic, hostility and more! All of these things are not God's desire for His people. In fact, Jesus calls us to courage, peace, boldness, generosity, level-headedness and kindness! If the people of God begin to exhibit the characteristics of the world in this hour, our Enemy, Satan, will win a great victory! However, if those who are committed to being Christ-followers will stand firm and seek His face in this moment, God will receive great glory!

Let's resolve to lean into greater faith, asking God to revive and awaken us, His people. How then, should we pray in the midst of this "unknown" evil that has overtaken our entire world?

**Pray** that a repentant people would turn to God seeking Revival. Psalm 85:6

**Pray** for God's people to resist the Devil and have the abundant life Jesus gives us so that others might have it too. John 10:10; James 4:7.

**Pray** that God's people will overcome fear and anxiety with peace. Philippians 4:6-7; John 16:33

**Pray** for the Church to rise to the opportunities God is giving us to show compassion, creativity and unity that will show off the power of Jesus. John 17:21-26

**Ask God** to protect the elderly and those in compromised health situations who are the most vulnerable to this virus. Psalm 23; 3 John 1:2

**Come against** depression for those who have lost jobs whose children are out of school, or who feel helpless or isolated. 1 Peter 5:7; Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 147:3; Psalm 34:18; Matthew 11:28; Psalm 68:6; Joshua 1:9

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Go to <https://www.harvestprayer.com/praying-the-word-over-the-coronavirus-crisis/> to read the full article.

Please know that you are in my prayers. Grace and peace,  
Charmaine