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***Our Mission:***

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

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

***Send Them Out!***



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

*April 5, 2020*

Dear FUMC Conover,

We, as the FUMCC music ministry, want to give a collective, HUGE, THANK YOU for the continued support of the things we do to enhance your worship experience, through music. Without music, worship would not be the same, as some of you may have realized through this time of uncertainty and confusion. I pray that all of you are remaining healthy, and are following the guidelines set forward, to keep us all safe.

Sometimes you may drive by the church and see my car out there. For those of you who don't know which car is mine, it is the one that is always there it seems, but I promise I go and eat and sleep, too! I am there almost every day of the week, for many hours preparing for worship services, or just blowing off some steam discovering what the organ is capable of. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes in the music ministry of our church! We strive to provide the best quality music to enhance your worship experience.

On March 1st, we held the dedication recital and service for our new Rodgers Artist 599 Organ! If you were not able to attend, the livestream is still on Facebook, as well as the church website, under "Media-Live Videos". I want to say thank you to everyone who was able to come out and enjoy the program. So many new windows of opportunity for music have been opened up since purchasing the new organ. I have had so many people get in contact with me asking if they could do music programs on our new organ! That is definitely exciting! We provide a certain kind of outreach that is unique. Our new organ is capable of doing so many things, that even I wasn't able to use all of the organ and its capabilities on the dedication concert! The musical possibilities of the instrument are quite awesome, and legitimately... infinite. If I play a Bach piece, I can set the organ to sound just as it would've back in the 1600's, as an organ in Bach's time would've sounded. If I want to play show tunes, I can set the organ to sound like a grand theater organ, which I have used in the past already in worship, and at the dedication recital! If I want string quartets, brass ensembles, choirs AND handbells, I can do that as well. I could go on and on about this organ, because the possibilities are completely endless.

Peace,

**Alex**

FUMCC Organist



# \*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:

Matthew Morrow  
Patrick, Crystal & McKenzie Morrow  
Gary, Tammy, \*Kathryn, \*Jack & \*Emma Muller;  
Lawson Kincaid  
Jonathan, Alyssa, Cameron & Steven Myers  
Tony & Jenene Nellenbach  
Heather Norman & Ayvah Hearne



## DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!

Pauline Parker - Conover Nursing & Rehab  
(Room 316);  
Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Living at  
Rock Barn (Room 107)  
4174 Shook Road  
Claremont, NC 28610  
LaVerna Wilson  
4801 Edwards Mill Rd.  
Raleigh, NC 27612-4417  
Betty Fisher - Catawba Living at Rock Barn  
(Room 200)  
4174 Shook Road  
Claremont, NC 28610  
Nell Johnson  
Kingston Residence  
904 2nd Street NE, Apt. 109  
Hickory, NC 28601  
(828) 328-9920 - landline  
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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.

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

## MEMORIALS Local Missions Fund

In memory of Jimmy Davis, Jr. by:  
Virginia Thompson

## Organ Fund

In memory of Forrest & Margaret Lawing by:  
Leonard & Julie Lawing

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank our church family for all the cards, phone calls, and expressions of sympathy after my Mom's recent and sudden death in Chattanooga, TN. Your kindness has eased my grief and has helped me begin my healing process. Please continue to keep me and Connie in your prayers.

Eddie Henderson

## NEW ADDRESS / PHONE #

Jim & Jeanette Davis  
255 Geitner Avenue  
Newton, NC 28658

Home phone number (828) 469-5050

## FLOWERING THE EASTER CROSS!!

This year, due to the pandemic, we cannot physically come together to decorate the cross as we usually do during both of our services on Easter Sunday. So, here is what we are going to do. Beginning Good Friday, April 10 and running through Thursday, April 16.....the two crosses will be outside the front door of the church. Sometime during this time, bring a flower and put it on the cross as a reminder that Jesus is Alive AND because He lives, we too shall live.



# NEWS TO USE

## WORSHIP

Worship with us Sundays at 10:30am by viewing our livestream at <http://www.fumcconover.org/live> or on our Facebook page by searching for First United Methodist Church of Conover.

## PASTOR'S QUIZ



"Your adversary the devil," warned Peter,

- a. glides about as a deceiving serpent
- b. walks about as a roaring lion
- c. steps around as a silent cat
- d. meekness

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 5, 2020  
Sunday School  
N/A

Worship:  
Live Streaming 174 Households  
Total 435

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

General Fund	\$ 15,224.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	110.00
Children's Bank	11.25
Local Missions Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	525.00
UMCOR (Disaster Relief)	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$ 15,970.25



Dear church family,

My daughter realized yesterday that we will not be getting together as a church to celebrate Easter this year.

"How can they cancel Easter?" I had to explain that we DID NOT cancel Easter. No one can!

It is still Holy Week. We are still focusing on the amazing events of Christ's last week before His crucifixion. We will remember our Lord's sacrifice on Friday and go on to celebrate the most important victory of all times on Easter Sunday; the morning that Jesus Christ rose from the dead!

Let's remind one another Easter cannot be cancelled. Christ's sacrifice cannot be canceled. It happened. It is true. And it is ours to claim. I encourage you to make the best use of your time at home. Take time with your children and share the gift of salvation through Christ.

We are in the thick of things, but we are not alone! We are still the Church. I hear so many encouraging testimonies of our members being the Church for others. Keep this up and remember, we are just a phone call away.

If you need anything at all, please reach out and allow us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Charmaine



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**GUESTS for Sunday, April 5, 2020:**  
 174 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 2.5 persons per household = 435

**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:

*b. walks about as a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)*

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

**We will reassess and communicate after April 30, 2020.**

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK, APRIL 14TH!!!**

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Assistant Pastor's phone #	1307 8th Avenue NW
Assistant Pastor's address	Conover, NC 28613

# **MORE NEWS TO USE**

## **SERMON INSERT**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:  
"The God Whose Shoes Don't Match"  
Matthew 28:1-6  
Romans 8:35-39**

**Light through \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ **through Pain & Hate**

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