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## *Our Mission:*

*Bring Them In...*

*Build Them Up...*

*Send Them Out!*



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

*May 12, 2020*

### TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We miss you! These times can take an emotional toll on every one of us. We thrived as a church because we were together as a church. We worshipped as one body. These times can be a temptation to give in to fear, worry, doubt. But we are reminded to persevere, to live in faith, to rest on the Lord and His Goodness.

**Psalm 34:1-22** "Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away. I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together! I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed...."

**James 1:1-27** "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him....."

**Hebrews 10:23-24** "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...."

**Jeremiah 29:11-12** "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."

Below you will find a small list of songs that our family has been holding onto and singing as praise to the One who is faithful and just and is the ultimate promise keeper. I challenge you to listen to these songs on Youtube or whatever venue you choose! Find songs that encourage you, build up your faith, but most importantly, exalt our Savior, Jesus Christ!

"God Only Knows" by For King and Country

"Fear Is A Liar" by Zach Williams

"Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)" by Chris Tomlin

"Trading My Sorrows" by Hillsong

"Praise You In This Storm" by Casting Crowns

"Build My Life" by Pat Barrett

"Trust In You" by Lauren Daigle

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas O. Chisolm

"Standing On The Promises" by Kelso Carter

"My Hope Is Built" by Edward Mote

"It Is Well" by Horatio Spafford

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

"All The Way My Savior Leads Me" by Fanny Crosby

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" by Joseph Scriven

Blessings,

**Shannon and 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:

Harley Price  
Wendy Price & Justin Cote  
Todd, Melissa, Evan & Addison Punch  
\*Hernan & Chelsea Puqa-Luna  
David & Brenda Putnam  
Emily Randall



## **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  
Cell - (828) 302-6608

Nell Johnson  
Kingston Residence  
904 2nd Street NE, Apt. 109  
Hickory, NC 28601  
(828) 328-9962 - landline  
(828) 228-7396 - cell

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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**

Ray Penley at Novant Atrium Room 3008 (At home)

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR MOTHER'S DAY DRAWING SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020**

Congratulations to Rita Watson and Phyllis Watson, the two names that were drawn on Sunday, May 10th during the Mother's Day service. You each won a \$50 gift certificate for Western Steer in Newton.

Thanks to the United Methodist Men of FUMCC for providing the certificates.



Rita Watson



Phyllis Watson

## **THANK YOU FROM ECCCM**

Pastor & Congregation,  
Thank you so much for volunteering with us last month! Your church worked a total of 3 hours with one volunteer during April 2020.

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](mailto:a.sherrill@ecccm.org).

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

# 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

"The truth is not in us," wrote John, "if we say that we



- have never sinned"
- have no sin"
- shall have no sin"
- know not sin"

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

## ECCCM NEEDS

We need volunteers! Schedule volunteer times with Christina @ 828-465-1702 ext. 123.

We are running low on empty 1-dozen size egg cartons. We can use the Styrofoam and the cardboard-paper type.

We can ALWAYS use **bags**! We go through so many bags between the food pantry and the thrift store! PLEASE save your plastic and paper grocery/shopping bags and donate them to ECCCM! Its next to impossible to do what we do without bags! And of course, financial donations are always needed! Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence May 10, 2020  
Sunday School  
N/A

Worship:  
Live Streaming 174 Households  
Total 435

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| General Fund                                | \$ 15,651.00 |
| (GF) NCDOR Refund of Sales & Use Tax        | 2,763.68     |
| <i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i> |              |
| Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)              | 280.00       |
| Children's Bank                             | 42.00        |
| Local Missions Fund                         | 160.00       |
| Miracle Mom's Ministry                      | 200.00       |
| Organ Fund                                  | <u>20.00</u> |
| Total                                       | \$ 19,116.68 |

## Books of the Bible - Old Testament

For our Youth-In-Training participants and anyone who has not memorized the Books of the Bible.

Hi guys, I wanted to put out a quick reminder of our Old Testament Books. Try and recite these. I cannot wait for us to start on the New Testament book!

5-12-5-5-12 = Pentateuch - History - Songs & Poetry - Major Prophets - Minor Prophets

**Pentateuch:** God Expects Love Not Discord > Genesis - Exodus - Leviticus - Numbers - Deuteronomy

**History:** Picture of a judge in a court > Joshua Judges Ruth

**Picture** 2 men on donkeys called Sam 1 and Sam 2. The men are reading newspapers > 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles.

Ezra is bigger than knee-high-Mya as well as Esther > Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.

**Books of Poetry:** Jesus Provides People Eternal Strength > Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

**Major Prophets:** I Just Love Every Day > Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Daniel, Ezekiel

**NEW Challenge:** Complete this mnemonic to learn the order of the Minor Prophets.

**Humorous Jokes About Orange Jelly Might Not Help Zookeepers Hurling Zebra Milk.**

Have fun with this. Challenge you older siblings and parents too.

Miss you bunches,  
Pastor Charmaine



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**GUESTS for Sunday, May 10, 2020:**  
 174 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 2.5 persons per household = 435

**All Events & Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.**  
**We will communicate with you when we will be able to gather together again for worship and other events.**

**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

**DONATIONS MADE**

Donations were made to the Miracle Moms Ministry by Mathis Chapel Helping Hands, a ministry of Mathis Chapel Baptist Church in Catawba, NC, and from a NICU mother of a box of baby blankets to fill our Miracle Mom gift bags. Thank you so very much for these donations. They will certainly be a blessing to the NICU moms.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Pastor                         | Dr. Gary Royals<br>(pastor@fumcconover.org)                              |
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| Church Office                  | (828) 464-3423   |
| Facsimile                      | www.fumcconover.org  |
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| Pastor's phone numbers         | (704) 787-0598-cell  |
| Pastor's address               | 2161 Augusta National Drive<br>Denver, NC 28037<br>(781) 913-4415 - cell |
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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

*b. have no sin." (1 John 1:8)*