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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 27, 2020

SPECIAL CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

Way to Go Charmaine!!

In case you have not heard, our own Charmaine has passed a major milestone on her journey to full ordination in the UMC. The process to becoming a pastor in "full connection" is quite long and grueling. Following the completion of her Master's degree, she had to meet before the Catawba Valley District committee on ordained ministry to be approved. There is much preparation for this meeting. Then, this past March, after MUCH preparation.....she met before the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Western NC Conference. There a candidate is put through a rigorous process of questioning and clarifying their belief and stance on a number of issues. The candidate can be approved or deferred until the next year. Charmaine passed and at our Annual Conference this year on August 8, she will be commissioned as a Provisional member of the Conference. To give you the full picture, she is now in a three year period during which the church, candidate and denomination observe her proficiency in active ministry. In three years, she will once again complete a tremendous amount of preparatory work and meet before the Board of Ordained Ministry. Once she passes this point, then she will be ordained as a Deacon in full connection. We need to celebrate with her on her accomplishment. This is big!!

This means that she will be **officially appointed to our church** as Associate Pastor July 1. Part of our preparation for this is to hold a brief but important **Charge Conference Sunday, June 7 at Noon**. The purpose of the conference is to officially approve her salary package and benefits to go on record in the district and conference. Note that our finance committee and Church Council have already established and approved these figures in the 2020 budget, so there is no change to our budget at all. The voting members of the Charge Conference are the members of the Church Council. So, let's congratulate her and celebrate her life, accomplishments and ministry.

Dr. Gary

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. The families for this week are:

Charles & Lucy Rockett
Clay, Vicki, Cassandra, Elizabeth & Alexander Rockett
Dan, Kathy & Anna Rockett
David, Ginger, Tanner & Taylor Rockett
Doug, Samantha, Jack, Reese & Wyatt Rockett
Jon, Shannon, Mackenzie & Jon Michael Rogers



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

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:
Gray & Ginger Doub
Clark Bible Class

Organ Fund

In memory of Bob Price, Jimmy Davis, Jr., Anne Hall
and Bob Hall by:
M.G. Doub

HONORARIUM Organ Fund

In honor of Rev. Dr. Gary Royals by:
H.A. & Jean Slate

OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will be taking Holy Communion together on Sunday, June 7th via live stream. When you gather for the service, please have ready with you some bread and a cup or cups of juice.

Dr. Gary

GUIDELINES FOR RE-OPENING

The Church Council has developed guidelines so that when we do return to collective worship, we will all be safe. We will communicate these guidelines with you soon. Until then, we will continue our live-streaming on Sundays.

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



"God," wrote John, "is

- majesty"
- omnipotence"
- love"
- forgiveness"

(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 24, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
Congregation	84
Live Streaming	<u>143 Households</u>
Total	441

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,190.28
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	70.00
Children's Bank	32.75
Local Missions Fund	135.00
Organ Fund	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,678.03

CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations again to the Class of 2020 High School graduates!! The unique thing about the 2020 Class is that the majority of them have been members of our church family since early elementary and even before!



At Confirmation: left to right: Bridgett Sullivan, Gerhardt Rheeder, Jessie Crooks, Amy Sullivan, Ashley Sierzenga, Kaitlin Hornick, Jody Porter, Jacob Fisher, Drew Danner, Eric Connor, Parker Garrison, Lee Thornburg, Mackenzie Johnson, Spencer Brackett, Brandon Greco, and Pastor Mickey.

And as Seniors:



From the left:
Hector Stamey, Spencer Brackett, Eli Hailey, Gerhardt Rheeder, Parker Garrison, Drew Danner, Jacob Fisher, Lee Thornburg, Ashley Sierzenga, Jessie Crooks, Kaitlin Hornick, Mackenzie Johnson



Please read the insert to see what this church has meant to our graduates.

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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:

c. love." (1 John 4:8)

GUESTS for Sunday, May 24, 2020:

143 households viewed by live-streaming at
2.5 persons per household = 357
84 in congregation
Total = 441

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (apfd@fumconover.org)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.org)
Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Organist	Alex Wilson (organistfumconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	(828) 464-3423
Facsimile	www.fumconover.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

CLASS OF 2020



Hector Stamey, Spencer Brackett, Eli Hailey, Gerhardt Rheeder, Parker Garrison, Drew Danner, Jacob Fisher, Lee Thornburg, Ashley Sierzenga, Jessie Crooks, Kaitlin Hornick, Mackenzie Johnson

Hector Stamey - Bunker Hill. Hector plans to attend CVCC in the fall in the HVAC program.

Spencer Brackett - Newton-Conover High. Spencer plans to attend CVCC for 1-2 years to get HVAC and then transferring to a University to get my Business degree. He plans to work in the family business.

My church family... it's exactly what it says it is my FAMILY! There's no better word to describe it! I've gotten so much support, love and prayers in every part of my life. My senior year has been..... well very hard to say the least. Between my ACL surgery and the Coronavirus shutting it down I've always felt my church family by my side. I thank you from the bottom of heart for everything! I'm truly blessed to know each and every one of you! Love Spencer Brackett

Elijah Hailey - Newton-Conover High. Eli has been accepted to Gardner Webb University's Computer Science Program.

Gerhardt Rheeder - Discovery High. Gerhardt will complete a Mechatronics Engineering apprenticeship through CVCC at GKN. *I grew up with this church family and you have supported my family and I greatly through the years with funding, both when my mother was sick and with my Eagle Scout project. You also supported me with prayers and words of wisdom and encouragement. I shall keep FUMC Conover dear to my heart and hope to continue my membership with this church in the years to come. FUMC Conover is definitely a shining light on a hill top that no one can hide under a bucket. Matthew 5:14-16.*

Parker Garrison - Bunker Hill. Parker has joined the football program at LaGrange College where he will major in exercise science and kinesiology.

I want to say thank you to the entire church family for their constant support, encouragement, and love. I also want to thank the Youth program for everything they have done for me and my family as well. This church and youth has become another family that I can always turn to if I need anything. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to grow up in this church and around all of you. Thank you all for everything!

Drew Danner - Newton-Conover High. Drew got accepted into the RIBN program for Nursing tan by CVCC/Lenoir-Rhyne University.

I am very thankful for my church family and all the support they've shown me throughout the years.

Jacob Fisher - St. Stephens High. Jacob plans to attend CVCC to pursue a career in the fire service.

Thank you all for the love, support and prayers. God bless.

Lee Thornburg - Newton-Conover High. Lee will attend CVCC to complete the Turf Grass Management Program. He plans on growing his business, *Sow Ready to Mow*.

Thank you Church Family for all the love and support you have shown me. I appreciate your support! Love, Lee

Ashley Sierzenga - Saint Stephens High. Ashley will attend Lenoir Rhyne University in the fall and going into the pre-med program; majoring in Biology.

Thank you for consistently being there to show me support and genuine Christian love. You all have been the greatest example of generosity and selflessness. I have always felt included, guided, and uplifted by this church family and I want to tell you how much I appreciate you. I will always cherish the good times and the moments I felt closest to God, accompanied by most of you. I love you all dearly and I am thankful I grew up with you by my side. May God bless you and give you peace during this trying time.

Jessie Crooks - Bunker Hill High. Jessie will attend CVCC for a semester before a transfer to UNC Charlotte to study nursing.

I just want to thank my church family for everything that they've done for me. Thank you everyone for guiding my faith and shaping me into the person that I am today, and thank you for loving me and believing in me.

Kaitlin Hornick - Discovery High. Kaitlin plans to go to UNC Wilmington for 4 years and major in psychology. Her career plan is to be a sports psychologist.

Thank you for all the support from the last 18 years. I wouldn't be here or have half of the experiences I have if it wasn't for you all. I am so grateful for everything you have given me over the years.

Mackenzie Johnson - Newton-Conover High. Mackenzie plans to attend Caldwell Community College to study nursing and continue her softball career.

I love my Church family and I am so appreciative of everything they have done for me! Thank you for being so supportive of our youth group and everything we do. The love and support you have shown has molded me into the person I am today.

Graduates, we wish you well!

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Liam Burnton	2 Brandon Greco Sharon Hendricks	3 Barbara Bruner Jeff Mays Tristan Mays	4 Will James	5 Alex Arndt Joshua Langlois	
		9 Carl Sigmon Elec Yount	10 Rebekah MacKinnon	11 George Bruner Julie Patterson Tyler Peile	12 Michelle Gilleland	13 Tammy Goode Tony Jarrett Beaver Williams
14 Charles Rockett	15 Drew Fisher Jeffrey Hefner Kathryn Knecht Lucy Rockett	16 Alexis Mays Michael Thornburg Krystle Watson	17 Christy Cannon Chris Cooke Kim Thornburg	18 Jenny Harris	19 Addie Copeland David Hamilton Leonard Lawing	20 Don Hedrick
21 Kathy Monroe Pierre Rheeder	22 Martha Johnston Stella Koenig	23 Jarrett Rheeder Mike Stewart	24 Brian Dellinger Mary Jean Hollar	25 Jolie Baucom	26 Sarah Cushman Ryan Garrison Stephen Price	
28 Lee Sr. Moritz						

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bruce and Elizabeth Swanson				5 Pat and Alice Woods	6 Cliff and Debbie Wike
7 Kevin McDuffie and Katie	9 Ronnie and Jean Hampton Steve and Kathy Monroe	10 Ray and Linda Birchfield				
		17 Alex and Hiley Baucom	18 Mike and Kelly Matthews		19 Pierre and Laurette Rheeder	
21 Michael and Christy Greco	23 Lee Sr. and Betty Moritz Lynn and Rita Watson		25 Chris and Mary Ann Cooke Randy and Diane Howard	26 Emmett and Jane Wike		
28 Ray and Judy Elkin	30 Armando and Joyce Lagunas					
	29 Eddie and Connie Henderson Craig and Marea Pinto					