



CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
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***Our Mission:***

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

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

***Send Them Out!***



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

*June 16, 2020*

Dear FUMCC,

First, I want to say thank you to everybody for the cards, texts, emails and phone calls that have been made and sent to me during my time as organist. I sincerely appreciate them, and they truly mean a lot to me. More than you will ever know. I feel encouraged by all of them, and I truly appreciate them. It a blessing to be able to serve as your organist!

I was asked the question "how does music influence your spiritual connection, and how does that lead you to be a believer?" I think that question could have many possible answers. But the one answer that I know, is when I am playing hymns, preludes and postludes, I know I feel more connected to Christ through the music. Music has a special way of enhancing the Word. Some people can connect through a sermon and reading the Bible but some connect more through music. Pastor Gary has mentioned to me several times that music and Word go hand in hand and I fully agree with this! Any time I play the organ there is just something that I don't normally feel during the day to day routine and week unless I am at the organ. It is something beyond a feeling of enjoyment and I just feel like there is something that comes over me when I play. For services, or practice sessions. I hope that you find music to be a helpful and beautiful way to be able to connect even deeper to the Spirit and I hope the FUMCC music ministry makes that possible for all of you. Stay well and healthy and I hope we, like many of us, will be back together soon to worship!

Yours in Christ,  
**Alex- FUMCC Organist**

From our  
**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. The families for this week are:

Glenna Sherrill  
Don & Vata Shook  
Jeff, Michelle, Ashley & Jacob Sierzenga  
Jack Sigmon  
Carl, Lori, Lauren & Megan Sigmon  
Danielle & Josh Sigmon



## **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 - Valley Nursing & Rehab (Room 606)  
581 NC-16 S Taylorsville 28681  
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**

Betty Fisher at Valley Nursing (Room 606)  
Lucy Rockett at CVMC ER

## **MEMORIAL General Fund**

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:  
Emmett & Jane Wike  
Richard & Gloria Huffman  
Pat & Alice Woods

## **Organ Fund**

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:  
Rick & Linda Parker

In memory of Terry Martin by:  
The Martin Family

In memory of Jimmy Davis, Jr. by:  
Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar

In memory of Bob Price by:  
Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar

In memory of Anne Hall by:  
Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar

In memory of Doris Safrit by:  
Jimmy & Mary Jean Hollar

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESSES**

Brent Henderson  
732 Green Briar Road  
Boone, NC 28607-8763

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Tony Taylor  
60 County Center Drive  
Newton, NC 28658-8387



# 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 letter of Jude expressed concern over impairment of the morale of the brethren arising from

- avariciousness
- lasciviousness
- ambitiousness
- unnutritiousness

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

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Indiana Rose Oakley, daughter of Courtney Smith and Dustin Oakley, granddaughter of Karen Martin, and great granddaughter of Charles Reed, was born on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 4:00am. She weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces.

Congratulations to all the family during this exciting time!



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 14, 2020  
Sunday School  
N/A

Worship:	
Live Streaming	<u>141 Households</u>
Total	352

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,720.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	30.00
Children's Bank	60.00
Columbarium Fund	1,800.00
Organ Fund	<u>275.00</u>
Total	\$ 13,885.00

## COVID-19 Church Opinion Poll



When can I come back to church?

When will it be safe enough to worship with my church family?

I miss my church family!

I am afraid I will get too lazy to ever put on clothes and come back to church...

I love that I get to worship every week while staying safe. I do miss my people though.!

The Church Council wants to know... your opinion on the opening of the church doors. We are asking for less than four minutes of your time to fill out a 10-question survey.

If you have not received an e-mail from SurveyMonkey or a hard copy in the mail, please reach out to me so we can get a survey to you.

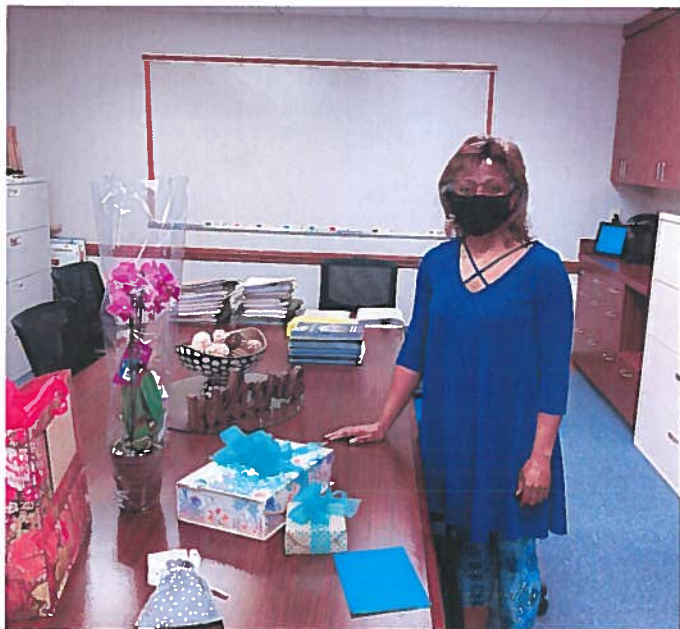
Should your household need more than one survey (two or more people share an email-account, attending different services or have different comfort levels about returning), I will gladly provide you with another survey. Reach out by sending an email to [pastorcharmagne@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcharmagne@gmail.com) or leave a message with the office 828-464-4635.

My heart wants to come back, but my Dr. says

Stay Safe, Charmagne

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**GUESTS for Sunday, June 14, 2020:**  
 141 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 2.5 persons per household = 352

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**BEST WISHES!!!**

Dr. Gary Royals presented to Rev. Angela Pleasants, the Catawba Valley District Superintendent, gifts and cards from the district on Tuesday, June 9th. We will miss Angela and her leadership in our district and wish her all the best in her new appointment on July 1, 2020.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:  
 b. lasciviousness ( Jude 1:4)