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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 23, 2020

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

May 3 – 12, 2021

If you have any desire to visit the land of the Bible, the place of the birth of our faith, the very steps and places Jesus visited.....then this trip is for you!! We will stay three nights right on the Sea of Galilee and four nights in the city of Jerusalem as we take in all the sites and places from Capernaum to the Dead Sea. We will take Communion at the empty tomb, pray in the garden of Gethsemane, reaffirm our Baptism in the Jordan River, sing Christmas songs in Bethlehem, walk the way of the cross and even take a swim in the Dead Sea. We already have 15 who have registered to go (most from our church) and C.M. (my partner and co-host) has about 12.....so we are off to a good start. If you are interested, please contact or call me and I will either arrange another meeting or personally talk with you about the details of the trip. My email address is groyals@wnccumc.net and my cell phone number is 704-787-0598. I promise you, it will be the trip of your lifetime!!!

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:

Powell & Virginia Sigmon
Alma Jo & Rachel Simmons
Donald & Victoria Simpson
Mary Ann Simpson
H.A. & Jean Slate
Lauren & Roxxi Slaughter



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

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

Lucy Rockett at CVMC (At home)
Pauline Parker at CVMC

MEMORIAL General Fund

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:
Terry Miller
Sandy & Jerry Eckard
Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.
Laurie Oracion
Cliff & Debbie Wike

Organ Fund

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:
Jack & Gaye Hoke

In memory of Jimmy Davis, Jr. by:
Mary Ann Simpson

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sutton Grace Murphy, born June 12th at 9:40pm, is the daughter of Brian & Jenni Murphy and granddaughter of Mark & Lynn Murphy, regular attendees of FUMCC. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and was 20" long. Brian & Jenni live in Durham. Congratulations to Mark & Lynn on the birth of their new granddaughter.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the prayers, support and love that you have given me throughout my childhood and young adult life. I greatly appreciate the graduation ceremony that was put together for us all. That ceremony helped to make this time in my life feel real when everything around me has been in chaos.

Thank you, thank you for everything!
Love,
Jacob Fisher

IN OBSERVANCE OF JULY 4TH

THE CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

ON THURSDAY, JULY 2ND

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



Jude pointed out that when the Archangel Michael, contending with the devil, disputed about the body of Moses, he

- rebuked the devil
- did not rebuke the devil
- acknowledged that he understood the devil's point of view but did not accept it
- came close to being persuaded by the devil

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

SYMPATHY NOTE

Nancy Wilson Murray, age 82 of Claremont and mother of LaRue Black, died Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn.

A graveside service to celebrate Nancy's life was held Saturday, June 20 at 11am at Mt. View UMC Cemetery in Claremont. The family received friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Bethany United Church of Christ, 2952 Bethany Ch. Rd., Claremont, NC 28610 or to Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Rd., Newton, NC 28658.

Our thoughts and prayers are with LaRue & Doug and the family during this difficult time.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence June 21, 2020

Sunday School

N/A

Worship:

Live Streaming

126 Households

Total

315

God's Tithes & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 7,169.00

(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.) 10.00

Children's Bank 31.50

Organ Fund 300.00

Total \$ 7,510.50

COVID CRISIS - CHRIST COMFORT: Ways to support your child

An article on the CDC website gives advice on how to measure and cope with COVID and children. I naturally compared the advice to our spiritual parenting and here are the results:



<u>CDC's way</u>	<u>Christ's way</u>
<u>Talk with your child</u> about the COVID-19 outbreak	Share about Jesus and how much He loves us.
<u>Reassure your child</u> that they are safe.	Rejoice in the fact that God loves us and helps us even if things are tough.
<u>Limit your family's exposure to news coverage</u> of the event, including social media. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened about something they do not understand.	DO NOT limit your family's exposure to our faith, the Bible and prayer. This is the perfect time to teach your child to bring their troubles to Jesus in prayer.
<u>Be a role model.</u> Take breaks, get plenty of sleep, exercise, and eat well. Connect with your friends and family members.	In every thing you do, show your child that you depend on God and that you know NOTHING will stop God from loving us.
<u>Spending time</u> with your child in meaningful activities, reading together, exercising, playing board games.	Build in fun "Jesus time" everyday. Keep it at a regular time in your daily schedule so that your child will begin to learn about faithfulness in meeting with God on a daily basis.

Summer might look a lot different than before; but God is still the same. His love has not changed. Reach out to me for ideas or comfort about how you can use this time to strengthen the faith of your child.

Blessings and prayers, Charmaigne

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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:

b. did not rebuke the devil (Jude 1:9)

GUESTS for Sunday, June 21, 2020:
126 households viewed by live-streaming at
2.5 persons per household = 315

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