



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

July 14, 2020

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, SHANNON

There are times when our family is working around the house, outside, cooking, at the store, in church, in the car, or wherever else, that one of us will say a word in conversation and then one or more of us will burst into song. Jon and I are on a whole different level; we usually start a song, same key, same place in the song. Have you ever done that before? We usually start laughing and Mackenzie, or Jon Michael, will say "Jinx, you owe me a coke". Of course, I know that our little family is pretty in tune, (pun intended), with each other and our common language, besides English, is music, so for us, this is very much the norm.



In the morning, I wake up and "There's within my heart a melody". Most times the song will morph into another song, but those strings of songs soon become my prayer throughout the day and carry me through many situations. There are times I will burst out into song to refocus on God.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, the Bible tells us to "Pray without ceasing". I believe that, when times provide, we should also sing without ceasing as well. Worship is incorporating prayer, studying His Word, waiting on Him in silence and singing praises unto Him.

Psalm 40:3- Keep a new song in your mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. No one ever said your song or voice has to be perfect, but with your heart in constant communion with God, it is a perfect offering of worship to the One who has given us the gift of song.

So I challenge you: Pray without ceasing; Sing without ceasing!

Musically,
Shannon, (and the others who put up with me daily!)

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:

Jake & Barbara Stines
Burr & Betsy Stoker
Beverly Stone
Theresa Sutton
Bruce & Elizabeth Swanson
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank



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

Michael Moritz at Mercy Hospital - At home

MEMORIAL General Fund

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:
Sheila Miller
Robert Featherstone



ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please notify the church office of your address at college and when you will be starting classes.

Thank you.



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

Please remember your birthdays and anniversaries this Sunday by bringing your offering to the altar. Please give \$.10 for every year old and \$.25 for every year married. This is to help the children's church bank.

UPPER ROOMS

The July / August "Upper Room" devotional books are in the racks for you to pick up and use. One rack is located in the upper hallway by the water fountain, and the other is located on the bookshelf outside Pastor Charmaine's office. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going on line to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>



NEWS TO USE

WORSHIP

Worship with us Sundays at 8:45am by viewing our livestream at <http://www.fumccconover.org/live> or on our Facebook page by searching for First United Methodist Church of Conover.

Worship with us Sunday, July 19 by attending one of three services:

- 1 - 8:45am - Sanctuary - enter through the outside door by the Pastor's office for screening;
- 2 - 10:00am - CFLC - enter through the outside door by the Pastor's office for screening;
- 3 - 11:15am - Sanctuary - enter through the outside door by the Pastor's office for screening.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



With the church in Philadelphia the Spirit was evidently

- a. well pleased
- b. moderately pleased
- c. moderately unhappy
- d. quite unhappy

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence July 12, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
1st Service	24
2nd Service	47
3rd Service	28
Live Streaming	<u>58 Households</u>
Total	244

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 16,958.53
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	145.00
Children's Bank	165.00
Local Missions (Designated)	500.00
Organ Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 17,818.53

Re-Considering DISABLED ...

I often wondered about that word ... disabled. If I disable an app on my phone I do so because I want it to stop working. After traumatic events some people become disabled when their bodies suffer damage and certain capabilities are 'disabled'.



- 2001 - When we first traveled to America, John and I were amazed at the number of drivers parking on "the wheelchair" spaces that get out and WALK!! We could not believe how 'inconsiderate' these people were. We soon learned that the 'wheelchair' sign included all kinds of conditions that necessitates parking closer to buildings.
- 2014 - Dr. Patty Meyers became my professor, mentor and life long friend. In her class, I learned "that there is no such thing as a disabled student; they are differently abled."
- 2020 - How will we treat children (of any age) if we start thinking of them as differently abled rather than disabled? If a 10-year-old child has the cognitive ability of a 3-year-old, is it fair to label them 'disabled' and exclude them from our lives, our ministries? Instead, if we acknowledge that they are differently abled, our approach will change and we will serve with compassionate excellence.

Put down 'disabled' and pick up 'differently abled'. Experience how it changes the way you treat others and how it changes your expectations in this world.

Right there beside you,
Pastor Charmaine

First United Methodist Church
410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Conover, NC



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY



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:

a. well pleased (Revelation 3:7-13; 2:29)

GUESTS for Sunday, July 12, 2020:

58 households viewed by live-streaming at
2.5 persons per household = 145
1st Service - 24; 2nd Service - 47; 3rd Service - 28
Total: 244

We apologize for our website being down Sunday. Spectrum, our provider, had issues on their end.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
Assistant Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)
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