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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

July 7, 2020

FAITH LANGUAGE & GODLY PLAY

A child's first word is celebrated. It is written down (in most cases) with date and time in a Baby Journal. After that first word we monitor closely how their vocabulary increases. Pediatricians ask "Are we speaking yet?" We compare our children with others and wonder why the one speaks longer sentences than the other. Sometimes we worry about it...

What about our 'church children'? The little ones we, as a congregation, are committed to steer and help grow in Christ? Are we monitoring their language development? Are we worried when it seems they are stuck? Well, we should be. Just as we do everything we can to make sure our children are set up for successful communication in life, we **MUST** do the same with our faith language.

"How do we do this?" I am glad you asked! **We incorporate Godly Play into our Children's Ministry.** The Godly Play curriculum guides participants through self-discovery. The Godly Play method is a spiritual practice. The spiritual experiences of the children are in fact them "being in religious language." We are facilitating these experiences which serve as both a conditioner for their existing spiritual connection with God and as the instrument for grounding spirituality in the Christian language and community of religion.

Godly Play is a spiral curriculum that works through three sets of three-year intervals based on the progression of language acquisition: Hear It (ages 3 – 6), Speak It (ages 6 – 9), and Think It (ages 9 – 12). But, Godly Play is not just for children! Because spirituality and Christian language acquisition are lifelong journeys, use of the Godly Play method has quickly grown to include adults, the elderly and children in a diverse variety of settings such as hospitals, residential care facilities, prisons and by facilitators of social justice.

To summarize: Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations; and Godly Play nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

Please be in prayer for this ministry; those that will make it happen and those that will participate. To see how you can be of assistance, please refer to the Fueling Faith section on p. 3.

Pastor Charmaine

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:

Billy Sprouse
Mike, Teresa & Jessica Stancil
Jennifer & Brittany Starnes
David Stedman
Josh, Melissa & Maverick Steelmon
Mike & Jeanette Stewart



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
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(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 - Charlotte

MEMORIAL **General Fund**

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:
Bill & Jenny Harris
Bud & Patricia Inman
Margaret & Hal Gatewood
Hickory Saw & Tool, Inc.

HONORARIUM **Youth Fund**

In honor of Dr. Gary Royals by:
The Randy Abernathy Family

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Dottie Gabriel Carpenter, 72 of Sherrills Ford and niece of Ruthie Thornburg, died Sunday, June 28, 2020 at her home.

A memorial service to celebrate Dottie's life will be held at a later date.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruthie and the family during this sad time.

THANK YOU

The Lady Red Devils would like to say a big thank you for completing our dream season. Your contribution from the children's bank money has made it possible for our team to receive state championship rings. Thanks for your support.
Dr. Sylvia White, Coach

THANK YOU

Dear church family,

Thanks for 51 years of pleasant church fellowship with all of you. It has been great to watch families grow and prosper in this changing world. I will be living in Midland with my daughter but will be live-streaming with you on Sundays.

Thank you so very much for the gift basket and the small "get together" with special friends whom I will miss dearly. Thank you also for the sweet "Farewell" parade and all the cards, gift cards, gifts, and sweet sentiments shown to me on Sunday, June 28th.

Many blessings to you all,
Alma Dixon

NEWS TO USE

WORSHIP

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

Worship with us Sunday, July 12 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



Out of the speaker's mouth there went a

- a. tongue of fire
- b. lance of bronze
- c. two-edged sword
- d. plume of smoke

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence July 5, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
Live Streaming	141 Households
Total	352

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 16,171.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)	
Capital Campaign (Shell Prop.)	3,145.00
Organ Fund	25.00
Youth Fund	50.00
Total	\$ 19,391.00

GODLY PLAY

I am praying that everyone understands the importance of getting our children invested in their faith and faith language. Several things need to happen very quickly.



1. Setting up the Godly Play room.

In conjunction with Keith Hall (Head of Trustees) and myself, **the room** formerly known as the 4th & 5th Gr Sunday school room will have to be transformed. Removing furniture; taking down shelves and coat hooks; and fresh paint to start with. Then we will have to bring in shelves that are built to specification. 'Stories' are put away in a very specific way. This is so that the room resembles the Bible; another way in which we allow children to 'experience' their faith language.

2. Materials

A volunteer (team) is needed to collect and stock our **'Materials' shelf**. I believe we have most of the items floating around in the building!

3. People

Stories are to be memorized to allow the process to work. I need one or two more **storytellers** to commit to the three we already have. This way we can 'spread the load'. A minimum of four **'door persons'** are needed to start the Godly Play session when children are individually greeted at the door. The doorman will also assist the children with materials and tasks during the session. I will do the initial training so really all you need to volunteer is love for Christ and His children and a willing spirit!!

And then we need parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors and coaches to bring the **children!** Thank you for prayerfully considering your role in this ministry.

Have questions? Please reach out to me at pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com or 828-464-4635

Pastor Charmaigne

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SECOND VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION



**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020
 AT 9:00AM IN THE CONNOR FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

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

GUESTS for Sunday, July 5, 2020:

141 households viewed by live-streaming at
 2.5 persons per household = 352

CHURCH STAFF

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Assistant Pastor's phone #	(781) 913-4415 - cell
Assistant Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. two-edged sword (Revelation 1:16)

July 2020

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2020

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4
				OFFICE CLOSED		INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 Live-Streaming						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
08:45am-Worship (Sar) 10am-Worship (CFLC) 11:15am-Worship (Sar)						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
08:45am-Worship (Sar) 10am-Worship (CFLC) 11:15am-Worship (Sar)			6:30pm- Ch. Council Meet in Sanctuary			
26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
08:45am-Worship (Sar) 10am-Worship (CFLC) 11:15am-Worship (Sar)						

Jun 28 - Jul 4

Jul 5 - 11

Jul 12 - 18

Jul 19 - 25

Jul 26 - Aug 1