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Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

August 11, 2020

When Pastor Gary asked me to do this week's newsletter article regarding the church's current situation, I was struggling to come up with a different approach for the article. During the process, a lesson from a marketing course in college came to mind. This particular lesson indicated that people are primarily motivated by two things - "Needs" and "Wants". Historically, needs are a greater motivator than wants; however, even in the Garden of Eden it was shown that our desires are often elevated above our needs. God had provided everything Adam and Eve needed but they wanted more.

For this article, I have chosen to focus on today's "needs" rather than "wants". We each have basic needs tempered by our individual wants and desires. The dictionary defines "Need" in its basic form as:
1. a physiological or psychological requirement for the well-being of an organism. 2. A condition requiring supply or relief. 3. A lack of means of subsistence. 4. Some also define "need" as the lack of something desirable or useful. Over the years, some definitions have been expanded to include: sanitation, education and basic healthcare.

As human's, we physically need: air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, shelter and clothing. As individuals, we can survive spiritually and psychologically with only a strong relationship with God; however, that is not what God wants or intended for us when He instilled in us the need for love, respect and relationships in our lives. For this He provided Jesus as the example of how our relationships should be.

It is with pleasure and pride that the council can report that even during this difficult time of: COVID-19, political discourse, riots, hatred and yes - even having to wear masks, First United Methodist Church of Conover and its members remain committed, active and supportive of the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our fellow members and neighbors both in our community and throughout the world. Through you gifts, the church remains financially sound and positioned to continue and even expand our missions and ministries to help those most in need during this period. And while it may not be exactly as we want, the council remains committed to provide needed worship opportunities whether in person and/or online as conditions allow. It is with tremendous gratitude that the members of the council THANK the many volunteers who have stepped up each week to allow us to do this in a safe manner. FUMCC continues to be extremely blessed by caring, giving and passionate members who support the church in so many ways regardless of circumstance or situation.

As we begin to prepare for resumption of other church activities in a safe and structured manner over the coming weeks and months, your continued prayers, support and commitment are needed. And, if you are in need of personal assistance, please contact one of our pastors, staff, or council members or let your "shepherd" know. This provides the opportunity to transition to an economics lesson regarding "supply" and "demand" whereby God, through us, can supply more than we ever truly need.

Sincerely, Bob Goodson, Council Chair

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:

*Brandon, Larissa & Nova Lea Vigue
Kent, Annette, John Lewis & Betsy Walker
Rick & Nancy Wall
Leonard & Patricia Walling
Eddie & Carol Warren
Aaron, Krystle & Harvey Watson

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the sweet birthday wishes, calls, cards, Pastor Dixon's wonderful bread, and a BIG chocolate chip/caramel cookie from Sweet Tea B&B. You all made it a wonderful day!
Robin

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Congratulations to Tony & Gwen Jarrett, the proud grandparents of a new grandson, Tripp Jennings Foster, born July 31, 2020. Tripp is the son of Matt & Jenn (Jarrett) Foster. He weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces and was twenty-one and a half inches long.



Congratulations to Mark & Rita Deal, the proud grandparents of a new grandson, Rhett Adam Keisler, born August 6, 2020. Rhett is the son of Adam & Meredith (Deal) Keisler and the little brother to Audrey Kate Keisler. He is also the great grandson of Betty Fisher. Rhett weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.



IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Hank Beck at CVMC

FACE MASKS REQUIRED AT ALL THREE SERVICES

Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Catawba County, the Church Council is requiring masks to be worn at all services for a temporary period of time. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Bob Goodson
Council Chair

MEMORIAL Organ Fund

In memory of Don Barbersek by:
Pat & Alice Woods



CLEAN UP DAY

The Trustees will have a general outside clean up day on August 15, 2020 from 7:30 to 11:00am. Please bring your favorite rake, gloves and buckets. We will be cleaning out the bed of weeds and trimming a few bushes. If you have any questions please call Keith Hall at (828) 244-1065.

FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

Corner Table and Backpack Program have been serving and feeding the hungry in our community throughout this COVID pandemic and needs to re-stock the shelves. Please see flyer for needed items. A donation box will be placed in the hallway to Conner Family Life Center. Also, if you have a business which wants to participate, please let me or the Corner Table know. Your help and donations are greatly appreciated. If I can be of additional help, please give me a call.

Amy J. Hawn, (828) 256-5295.



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 26 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.

Ushers are glad to assist those with difficulties to access the elevator.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



The rider of the red horse was permitted to

- a. kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth
- b. take peace from the earth so that men should kill one another
- c. conquer
- d. annihilate with earthquakes

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 9, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	35
10:00am Service	48
11:15am Service	32
Live Streaming	67 Households
Total	282

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 30,562.02
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Property)	425.00
Children's Bank	208.60
Organ Fund	100.00
Total	\$ 31,295.62

Faith Formation

See Jesus



I have the good fortune to hear Pastor Gary's sermons more than once on Sundays! I take notes and use different color ink in each service. As I looked over my notes of this past Sunday's message I see that I wrote "Make SURE others see that you are living a Resurrection life" under my 'points to focus on this week' heading.

I, in my capacity as a mother and Christian educator, started thinking how we would share this same message with children. You see, as adults we understand why obedient and fruitful discipleship makes for a better world, a better relationship with our Lord. Awakening the desire in young children to become mature disciples are essential for their faith development as well as the mission of the Church.

On the heels of the VBS-in-a-Box, that was well received by all accounts, I decided that we would offer a SEE JESUS Box at the end of August.

The "In-a-Box" ministry needs collaboration: lesson suggestions, craft ideas and logistics will allow us to share the love of Christ with children in a very collaborative way.

Please reach out to me if you want a child on the Distribution List for this ministry.

Joyfully serving,
Pastor Charmaine

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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

GUESTS for Sunday, August 9, 2020:
 67 households viewed by live-streaming at
 2.5 persons per household = 167
 1st Service - 35; 2nd Service - 48; 3rd Service - 32
 Total: 282

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Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

b. *take peace from the earth so that men should kill one another (Revelation 6:4)*

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