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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 18, 2020

PRESCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN!

(new for the first time)

Dear FUMCC family, Preschool family and Community,

I am pleased to announce that the FUMCC Preschool will reopen on a regular *(old but totally new with COVID)* schedule beginning August 31, 2020. We will begin with Open House on Thursday evening August 27, 2020. Due to COVID-9 policies we will conduct Open House by scheduled appointments.

I understand that this is a tough time to restart some sort of "normal" routine for families and children. Preschool will follow the same guidelines that the church has in place for worship. Families will answer the same questions regarding exposure within families, travel out of state or to hotspots within our own state. The children will be scanned daily for temperature and symptoms of COVID-19. We will be putting into practice a new arrival and departure plan to limit the amount of adult traffic within the church areas. Daily cleaning and sanitizing has always been a priority within the preschool and we will work with increased measures to maintain a healthy environment for the children and staff.

Staff will also undergo daily temperature checks and review of exposure chances to COVID-9. We will not take chances with the health of children, families, or ourselves.

Our Preschool families have been sent copies of policies and procedures for the coming year. At this time we have 32 children enrolled in the program for the 2020-2021 year. I am praying for a great year.

We, staff and families, have agreed that we will take each moment day by day, using the best of our knowledge and common sense, trusting that the Lord will be with us each of those days. Our Preschool asks that each of you pray for us, staff, children and families as we begin this New Year in Christ!

Ginger Doub, Preschool Director

"Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2[NRSV]



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:

Lynn & Rita Watson
Phyllis Watson
James Weaver
Jonathan Weaver
Robert Weaver
Charles & Carolyn Whitlock



DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!

Pauline Parker - Sherrills Ford Hospice, Carolina Caring, 7473 Sherrills Ford Rd, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

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

Hank Beck at CVMC (At home)
Pauline Parker at Sherrills Ford Hospice

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

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Clyde Harris, Jr. died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020. Clyde is Dana Little's step-grandfather and Melissa Hunsucker and Jeanne Abernathy's step-father. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dana, Melissa and Jeanne during this difficult time.



CLEAN UP DAY RESCHEDULED

The Trustees will have a general outside clean up day on August 22, 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 black horse held in his hand a

- a. sword
- b. cross
- c. pair of balances
- d. rope

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 16, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	31
10:00am Service	58
11:15am Service	26
Live Streaming	<u>135</u>
Total	250

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,579.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Property)	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,604.00

SUDDENLY...

I saw the back to school promotions;
I realized with mixed emotions
that this school year will be peculiar;
students, teachers, coaches and parents
will find nothing familiar.

SUDDENLY...

It's time to compile THE LIST
for school supplies, lunches and clothes that fit!
I'm back to fixing early breakfast
and packing lunches to make their
stamina last.

SUDDENLY...

My eyes are filled with tears
as I recall all those other COVID-free
years.
I hear God: I've got this
What pure bliss!



SUDDENLY ...

I am filled with resolve
To live this year as the gift it is!



Friends, let us pray without stopping, for parents,
teachers and students as they brave this brand new
world!

*"Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which
path to take." - Proverbs 3:6*

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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. pair of balances (Revelation 6:5)

GUESTS for Sunday, August 16, 2020:

75 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 135
1st Service - 31; 2nd Service - 58; 3rd Service - 26
Total: 250

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)
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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
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Pastor's phone numbers	(704) 787-0598-cell
Pastor's address	2161 Augusta National Drive Denver, NC 28037
Associate Pastor's phone #	(781) 913-4415 - cell
Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613



PARADE OF CANS *food drive!* presented by



Benefiting:



August 1-31st, 2020

Join us for the 5th annual Parade of Cans Food Drive competition!
This year, we have four (4) trophies to award.

FOODS MOST NEEDED

SOUP KITCHEN:

Canned Potatoes (sliced, diced or whole) | Sauerkraut | Carrots (sliced) | Lime Beans | Tomato Sauce | Greens (turnips or collard) | Sweet Peas | Rotel Green Chilis & Tomatoes | Mayonnaise | Mustard | Vienna Sausages or Potted Meat | Pasta (egg noodles, rotini, penne, elbow) | Stove Top Stuffing | Dry Beans (great northern, black eyed peas) | Mayonnaise Packets | Mustard Packets | Ketchup Packets | Pickles (dill spears, dill chips, dill cubes, sweet cubes) | Barbecue Sauce

BACKPACK PROGRAM:

Macaroni and Cheese (boxed or Easy Mac) | Microwave Meals (unrefrigerated) | Pop Top Canned Meals (such as Chef Boyardee) | Canned Meat (tuna or chicken) | Peanut Butter (plastic containers only) | Jelly (plastic containers only) | Canned Pasta | Rice (1lb bags or less) | Cereal (small boxes) | Poptarts | Oatmeal (in packet form) | Grits (in packet form) | Pudding Cups (unrefrigerated) | Kid Friendly Snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, goldfish, popcorn, etc.)

QUESTIONS?

Visit us at www.thecornertable.org to download the complete 2020 Information Packet and Participation Form. You can also call our office at 828-464-0355 or email info@thecornertable.org.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO FEED THE HUNGRY IN CATAWBA COUNTY!