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***Bring Them In...***

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***Send Them Out!***



*The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover*

*August 4, 2020*

## DISCIPLE

BECOMING  
DISCIPLES  
THROUGH  
BIBLE  
STUDY

Study Manual  
Second Edition



### DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER (Hopefully)

Do you remember when we were in Disciple Bible study together in March and suddenly we had to stop because of the Coronavirus? Well I am going to attempt to start over from the beginning on **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM** in the Connor Family Life Center. Disciple Bible Study is a 24 week study of the entire Bible....from Genesis to Revelation. In this class we will bring the studies of history, theology, archeology, geography and cultural customs to help us understand the message of the Bible. We will especially highlight the "promise – fulfillment" theme which runs through the Old and New Testaments and how Jesus is the focal point of this fulfillment.

I would personally love to have you in my class as we learn, worship, pray and grow together. Due to social distancing, we will only be able to accommodate 60 people in the family life center. So, in order to see if we will be able to do the Bible study, we need to know how many are interested in attending. If you would like to be a part, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635 to sign up by **August 27**. A brief **orientation** to this class will be held at 7:00 PM on **Tuesday, September 1** in the Connor Family Life Center. The purpose of this is to get you started and answer any questions before we start our journey together. If you need a Disciple Study manual, they will be available for purchase at the orientation for \$34 per person. You may pay by cash or check. Please make checks payable to FUMCC and put "Disciple Bible Study" in the memo section. Our study will break for Christmas and then resume in January. We should be finished in early March.

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:

Wayne & Virginia Thornburg

\*Keith & \*Susan Tucker

Leta Tucker

Wesley & Brandie Tucker

Winford & Adelia Tucker

John, Rev. Charmaigne, Christine & Michael Van Rooyen

## NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Calvin E. Doub of East Bend and brother of M.G. Doub died Monday, July 27, 2020. He was 88 years old. A public viewing was held at 5pm Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at Gentry Family Funeral Service in Yadkinville.. A private graveside service was held at Forbush Cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers are with M.G. and family during this sad time.

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Janice Gail Johnson-Morelli age 75 and a former member of FUMCC died Sunday, July 26th in Port Orange, Florida. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 11am at Burke Mortuary & Crematory in Newton.

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

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Bill Allen, age 98 of Charlotte and father of Connie McCoy died Sunday, August 2, 2020. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Pauline Parker at CVMC (At home)

## 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:  
Loraine Engelberth and family



## 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 four horsemen of the Apocalypse appeared on horses of the following colors, in the order given:

- a. red, white, black, pale
- b. white, pale, red, black
- c. black, white, red, pale
- d. white, red, black, pale

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence August 2, 2020  
Sunday School  
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	36
10:00am Service	45
11:15am Service	32
Live Streaming	<u>68 Households</u>
Total	283

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 21,162.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Property)	160.00
Children's Bank	20.00
Columbarium	600.00
Organ Fund	<u>5,545.00</u>
Total	\$ 27,487.00

## CHECKPOINT CHURCH



Rev. Nathan S. Webb is starting a Church for Nerds, Geeks, and Gamers called **Checkpoint Church**. He needs all the help he can get.

*"What I **DON'T** Need*

*I don't need your favorite church members  
I don't need existing church-goers*

*So what **DO** I need?*

*I need relationships, contacts, allies in every corner  
I need places to host and support - especially secular places  
I need those 'old kids' who left a long time ago and would love this  
I need support from mission groups and vitality teams that care for this culture  
I need prayer and wisdom - always!"*

Feel free to sign up for his newsletter here: <https://checkpointchurch.churchcenter.com/home>

Nathan has also invited everyone to feel free to reach out to him anytime with ideas, suggestions, or help that might be able to be provided.

Rev. Nathan S. Webb, Church Planter - Denver, NC can be reached at:

E: [nwebb@wnccumc.net](mailto:nwebb@wnccumc.net) (best way of contacting him) or C (text, preferred): 336-813-4367

Pastor 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:

*d. white, red, black, pale ( Revelation 6:1-8)*

**GUESTS for Sunday, August 2, 2020:**

68 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 2.5 persons per household = 170  
 1st Service - 36; 2nd Service - 45; 3rd Service - 32  
 Total: 283

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
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Pastor's address	2161 Augusta National Drive Denver, NC 28037
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Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

Congregation:

News from your Trustees on completed, Pending and general information on what our projects have been for 2020.

#### Trustee's 2020 Completed Projects:

M & M Mulch installed playground certified mulch in the play area.

RMR poured a 25' x 15' concrete pad at the Dumpster entrance.

Derrick Little repair the leaks in the CFLC.

Created a policy for loaning out tables and chairs.

Hydro Clean pressure washed all sidewalks in front of the church and cleaned the columbarium.

Washed all outside windows in the CFLC.

Created a check list for Emergency lights and smoke detectors (to be done monthly).

Installed 4 no unauthorized parking signs.

All carpets have been cleaned in the Church and Gray House

Both Hickory City and Catawba County SWAT teams had practice drills in the Shell House.

Shell House was demolished.

Repaired the Church parking lot.

Replaced all outside pole lights to LED.

Hitstech has upgraded the Wi-Fi system.

Sound System has been upgraded.

Cleaned out bed in front of Church and replaced with SOD.

Replace Gyms lights to LED.

#### Pending Projects

Updating Emergency Lights, Fire Extinguisher and Smoke Detector check list to be done monthly. Have completed a check list to do monthly. This information will be for the Fire Inspector.

Gerald Loftin is completing emergency exit posters.

Clean all tile floors in the church.

Elevator signs

Have electricity run to the columbarium and replacing 4 outside safety lights to LED (3 are not working).

Upgrading the security system.

Landscape in front of columbarium.

Church clean-up day needs to be scheduled for (outside grounds, storage rooms and garage). Coming in mid-August (get your rakes, gloves ready).

Keith Hall, Trustee Chair