



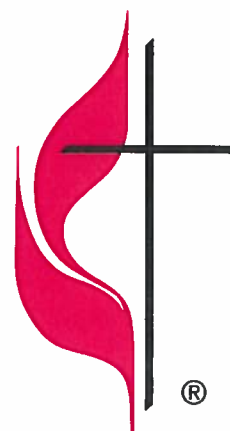
CONOVER  
FIRST UNITED  
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***Our Mission:***

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

***Build Them Up...***

***Send Them Out!***



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

*September 15, 2020*

### **OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

**Wednesday, September 23, 7:30 PM**

The Book of Discipline of the UM church requires that each local church hold a charge conference once a year to approve some important matters. For years, this was a time when the district superintendent would visit every church in his/her district and preside over the conference which would include a time of worship, reports and approval of pastoral salary packages and leadership nominations. Now, with districts being much larger, the superintendents authorize the pastors (if they are fully ordained elders) to preside.

With the onslaught of COVID-19, the conference is encouraging churches to hold charge conferences on ZOOM. So, here is what we are going to do. We will be having our quarterly Church Council meeting **Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary.

Immediately following this, we will move directly into our charge conference

**(around 7:30 PM)**. Voting members of the charge conference are the members of the Church Council, however, EVERYONE is invited to attend. So the Council members will be present in the sanctuary to deliberate on the necessary matters. We will invite anyone who wants to be a part to Zoom in with us. **If you desire to do this, email pastor Charmaine at [pastorcharmaine@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcharmaine@gmail.com) with "Charge Conference" as a title and request the link.**

She will email the link with which you can join.

**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:

Jeanne Abernathy  
Rev. Dixon & Margery Adams  
Neil Adams  
Tad & Janet Adams  
Robert, Margaret & Frances Allen  
Charlie & Tommi Anderson



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

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  
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Kingston Residence  
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Hickory, NC 28601  
(828) 328-9962 - landline  
(828) 228-7396 - cell

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Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road  
Conover, NC 28613

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237  
Conover, NC 28613

Beverly Stone, 403 Rock Barn Rd., NE  
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**  
Ruthie Thornburg at Valley Nursing & Rehab

## **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.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you all for the beautiful words of encouragement and much appreciated birthday and anniversary wishes. It was an amazing week of celebration.

Much love,  
Pastor Charmaigne

## **SUPPORT VICTIMS OF HURRICANE LAURA**

Support those facing a long road of recovery in the wake of Hurricane Laura by donating to UMCOR. UMCOR, in partnership with impacted annual conferences, is providing funds to meet both immediate and ongoing needs caused by devastating storm damage. Please make your gifts payable to FUMCC and write in memo section: (Hurricane Laura - Advance# 901670).



# 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 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 beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit" was to make war upon

- a. the remaining two-thirds of mankind
- b. the two witnesses who were given power of prophesy for 1,260 days
- c. seven thousand people in the city
- d. John

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence Sept. 13, 2020  
Sunday School  
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	37
10:00am Service	69
11:15am Service	37
Live Streaming	148
Total	291

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,836.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Children's Bank	8.00
UMCOR (Hurricane Laura)	600.00
Total	\$ 12,444.00

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

TRUSTEES Committee - Wednesday,  
Sept. 16th at 7pm

FINANCE Committee— Thursday,  
Sept. 17th at 7pm

CHURCH COUNCIL—Wednesday,  
Sept. 23RD at 6:30PM

### MEET IN SANCTUARY

Followed By CHARGE CONFERENCE

AT 7:30:

(We will meet in the Sanctuary for social distancing. The Charge Conference will also be live streamed through Zoom for those that wish to observe.) If you would like to connect via Zoom please email [pastorcharmagne@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcharmagne@gmail.com) with "Charge Conference" as a title so we can email you a quick link to join.

## WASHINGTON PRAYER MARCH

2020 with Franklin Graham

September 26, 2020 - 12PM-2PM

Franklin Graham invites you to join him, his family, and thousands of other believers for Prayer March 2020 in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Sept. 26. They will meet at the Lincoln Memorial at noon and march across the National Mall to the U.S. Capitol. Along the way they will stop at several points to pray and ask God to heal the divisions in our nation, guide our leaders, protect our religious freedoms, and pour out His Spirit on our land. If you think you might be interested in going to the prayer march let us know so we can put you in touch with others who may be going.

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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, September 13, 2020:**

82 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 1.8 persons per household = 148  
 1st Service - 37; 2nd Service - 69; 3rd Service - 37  
 Total: 291

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

*b. the 2 witnesses who were given  
 power to prophesy for 1,260 days (Revelation 11:3-8)*