



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 22, 2020

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!!!

Here are some ways you can encourage Pastor Gary and his wife, Debbie, and Associate Pastor Charmaine & her husband, John, this month:

- ◇ Send a lovely card or thank you note.
- ◇ Send an encouraging e-mail message.
- ◇ Make a donation to a charity in their honor (UMCOR, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Malaria No More, or Charitywater.org.)
- ◇ Give a gift certificate for a local restaurant.
- ◇ Best thing of all is to PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS AND THEIR SPOUSES EVERY DAY!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee



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:

Alex Arndt
Andrew Arndt
Jan Barbersek
Daniel & Tracy Barbersek
Dawn Barbersek & Allen Califana
Jeff & Anne Barrier



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
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

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.

Faithbuilders Sunday School Class:

We are continuing our study of the book of Romans virtually every Sunday evening (until notified otherwise), starting at 6:45PM for one hour. Check your email for the Zoom access instructions.

Church family, you have an open invitation to join us! Email Lindsay Keisler at (lkeisler@catawbachamber.org) to receive the meeting link."

Thank you,

Lindsay Keisler



THANK YOU

"Thank you FUMCC members for your generosity and support of the Parade of Cans event benefitting The Corner Table Soup Kitchen and Backpack Program of Catawba County. I delivered an SUV Full of donations and will have an update of final weight for next week's newsletter. During the month over \$300 in monetary donations were collected as well. Many, many thanks for your support of this mission to help feed those affected by hunger in our community. God Bless!

Amy 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 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.

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.

WASHINGTON
PRAYER 20
MARCH 20
WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM

PASTOR'S QUIZ



After the seventh angel had sounded his trumpet there appeared a great red dragon, whose tail

- a. swept the third part of the land into the oceans
- b. cast the third part of mankind down the open shaft of the bottomless pit
- c. forced the third part of the angels down to earth
- d. drew the third part of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence Sept. 20, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	39
10:00am Service	62
11:15am Service	29
Live Streaming	104
Total	234

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 15,026.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign	25.00
Columbarium	900.00
ECCCM	50.00
Local Missions	30.00
Organ Fund	100.00
UMCOR (Hurricane Laura)	100.00
Total	\$ 17,171.00

THANK YOU FROM ECCCM

Pastor & Congregation,
Thank you so much for volunteering with us in June. Your church worked a total of 71.25 hours with 2 volunteers. Thank you so much for volunteering with us in August. Your church worked a total of 114.75 hours with 4 volunteers.

As you know, 20% of homes in our community live with food insecurity. Your hard work helped alleviate that problem.

We look forward to working with you all again!

If anyone in your congregation would like to volunteer with us regularly, please contact Allen Sherrill at (828) 465-1702 or at a.sherrill@ecccm.org.

Thank you again for all of your hard work!
Sincerely,
Allen Sherrill
Director of Food Pantry Operations

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Conover, NC 28613
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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. drew the third part of the stars of heaven
and cast them to the earth (Revelation 11:15; 12:3-4)*

GUESTS for Sunday, September 20, 2020:

58 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 104
1st Service - 39; 2nd Service - 62; 3rd Service - 29
Total: 234

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)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.org)
Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
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	www.fumconover.org (828) 464-4635-church
Website:	(704) 787-0598-cell
Pastor's phone numbers	2161 Augusta National Drive Denver, NC 28037
Pastor's address	(781) 913-4415 - cell
Associate Pastor's phone #	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613
Associate Pastor's address	

Fueling Faith

Call to Pray for Our Nation



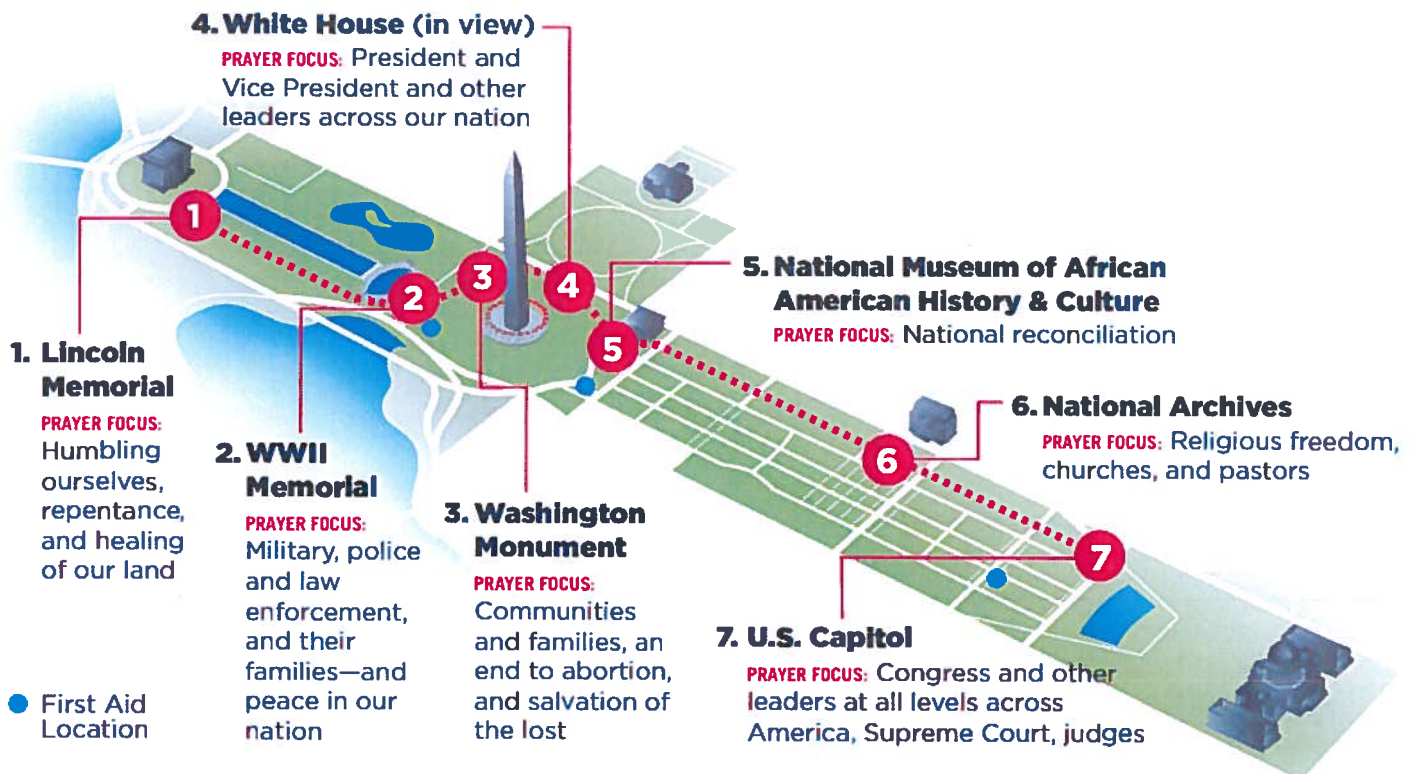
The Washington Prayer March 2020 event is a dedicated prayer march that is focused solely on asking God to heal our land. It is not a protest or political event.

On September 26, 2020 Franklin Graham, with his family and other believers will walk along the National Mall, stopping at various points to pray.

You can pray too! Sign up for a 5-minute slot for the duration of the march, noon to 2pm. You will find the sign-up sheet on our website under the 'Volunteer Signup' located under the 'Get Involved' tab; or use this link: <http://www.fumconover.org/serve/>

"America is in trouble. Our communities are hurting, our people are divided, and there's fear and uncertainty all around us. Let's join together and do the most important thing: pray!"

Franklin Graham





Rising Hope Farms

Therapeutic horseback riding facility for individuals with special needs

3775 Bethany Church Road
Claremont, NC 28610

September 11, 2020

First United Methodist Church
410 1st Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613

Thank you so much for donating \$360.00 to Rising Hope Farms . We are honored and blessed that you have been led to give to the ministry of horses and children. It is so humbling to see how God uses his people in such a special way.

Rising Hope Farms is a 501-C3 organization that offers therapeutic riding for the special need's community. Rising Hope Farms does not charge for its services and we have no paid staff, instead, we depend on individuals, organizations, grants, and community support to maintain our programs

Our ministry provides many programs that are listed below:

- **Therapeutic Riding** - The three-dimensional motion of the horse provides the rider hip and back movement that simulates natural walking. Riding relaxes and strengthens muscles, improves body tone, posture, balance, joint mobility, and coordination.
- **Senior Saddles** – Medical studies show that spending time with horses can improve the quality of life for individuals with Alzheimer's and Dementia.
- **Hoofs for Hospice** – In this program, we continually collaborate with Hospice and counselors to assist with children and teenagers who have lost a parent or sibling. Also, children and teens that are suffering from life threatening diseases. This program incorporates the use of horses to help facilitate the grieving process. It is amazing to see how God is healing power works through the silent language between a child and a horse.
- **Horses for Heroes** – This is a service specifically geared towards veterans to assist in healing from the horrors of war using equine assisted activities and therapies. Also included are wounded police and fire personnel.
- **Reins for Life** – RHF reaches out to at risk youth from the North Carolina Boys Academy, unlocking their God given potential through the unspoken healing, love, and trust that is developed by integrating with horses. An instructor, counselor and horses instill life skill lessons to help youth cope with the challenges of life.
- **Stable Moments** – RHF used the blessings of horses to help children and teens who have undergone childhood trauma.

No goods or services were exchanged for this donation.

Peace, Joy, and Blessings

Gail Wartner 

Gail Wartner, Executive Director
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