



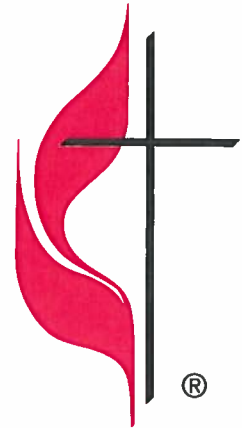
CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

Our Mission:

Bring Them In...

Build Them Up...

Send Them Out!



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

September 29, 2020

MOVING BACK TO TWO SERVICES!!!

With the number of COVID cases and deaths continuing to decline and the slow opening up of businesses and schools, the Church Council has made the decision to go back to two services beginning **Sunday, October 18.**

8:45 contemporary service in the Sanctuary. Social distancing is required and masks are strongly recommended but not required. The praise team will lead us in singing.

11:00 traditional service in the Sanctuary. Social distancing and masks are required and there will be no congregational singing.

Everyone must continue to come into the church at the one door from the back and will be screened and temperatures checked. **The sanctuary will be thoroughly sanitized following the 8:45 service in preparation for the 11:00 service.** Due to social distancing, there will be a limit to the number of people who can attend. To address this issue, we will live-stream the 8:45 and 11:00am services and will have the Connor family life center set up for overflow at both services.

This will leave ample time in-between the two services for Sunday school classes.....who want to meet together....to be able to do so. We are leaving that decision to each class and each teacher. Each class should contact Julie Patterson and/or Keith Hall regarding necessary procedures to comply with the church's approved guidelines.

The two services will continue to have a simple, shorter format much like we currently have with no passing of offering plates and no formal greeting. **Please note that this is the beginning point for the next step of moving back toward "normal" (whatever that will be).** Should conditions change, or accelerate in either direction, we will make the decision to adjust accordingly, and will communicate that decision to you.

Again, thank you for your loving and patient spirit and for working with us to get us all back together again!

Pastor Gary and Bob Goodson

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, Hiley & Jolie Baucom
Danny, Sandy & Ashley Baucom
Don, Andrea & Grace Ann Beatty
Jordan Beatty
Hank Beck
Linda Beck



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
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(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 Home

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Mike & Greta Induni on the birth of a granddaughter, Charlie Rose Williams, born Sept. 15, 2020. Charlie Rose weighed 9 lbs and 3 ozs. and was 19-1/2 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents, Jillian & Jeffrey Williams.

Congratulations to Elizabeth & Tyler Conner on the birth of their son, Waylon Colt Conner. Waylon was born Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020. He weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. Waylon has a brother and sister, Maddox and Madison. Mother and baby are both doing well.

Congratulations to Ralph & Patricia Hatch on becoming grandparents on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020. Their daughter-in-law, Mikki, gave birth to a little boy, Rhet Clifford Hatch weighing 9 lbs. and 1/2 ounce and was 21-1/2 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents, Eddy & Mikki.

INVITATION to "WHY I BELIEVE" Bible Study by Chip Ingram from Living on the Edge. 6 sessions:

1. Rethinking Apologetics for the 21st Century
2. Why I Believe in the Resurrection
3. Why I Believe in the Bible
4. Why I Believe in Life After Death
5. Why I Believe in Creation
6. Why I Believe in the God of the Bible.

Groups: In person. Weekday, to be determined.

Virtual: Thursday 7-8pm. OR create your own group and time.

Contact Pastor Charmaine at

pastorcharmaine@gmail.com to order your study guide. \$10.

GREAT study if you want to work on your 'elevator speech' about your faith.

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:

We will observe Holy Communion at all three services this Sunday, which is World Communion Sunday. If you are participating through live-streaming, please have bread and juice ready for this observance.



If you are a recent high school graduate or a Young Adult looking for a Sunday School Class, there is a class just for you here at First Methodist Conover! If you will send me your email address I will add you to my weekly email. I look forward to communicating with you and welcoming you to our class when you can be with us! Right now our church plans to offer the opportunity to attend Sunday School classes again on October 18.

Thank you,
Connie Henderson
cls.henderson@gmail.com

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



PASTOR'S QUIZ



Michael and his angels, fighting in heaven against the dragon and his angels, defeated them and

- threw them into outer space
- disintegrated them
- cast them out into the earth
- threw them down the bottomless pit

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence Sept. 27, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	31
10:00am Service	57
11:15am Service	31
Live Streaming	<u>112</u>
Total	231

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 15,189.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign	25.00
Children's Bank Fund	12.00
Columbarium	900.00
Organ Fund	25.00
UMCOR (Hurricane Laura)	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,301.00

***Correction to last week's totals: UMCOR was \$1,040.00 instead of \$100.00 as reported.

YOUTH/PARENT INFORMATION MEETING SUNDAY, OCT. 4 @ 5:00PM (CFLC)

YOUTH MEETINGS:
SUNDAYS, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, & 11/1 from 3:15pm-7:00pm

ECCCM

FUMC's volunteer day is Tuesday, Oct. 6th. Gloves and masks are provided! Distancing is also marked and you will not be in contact with the general public/clients!

Helping will brighten your day! Any questions, call Eddie Warren at 828 464-9643.

Thank you.



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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2020

On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination.

Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On this day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations.

Join us this Sunday in Holy Communion.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. cast then out into the earth (Revelation 12:7-9)

GUESTS for Sunday, September 27, 2020:

62 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 112
 1st Service - 31; 2nd Service - 57; 3rd Service - 31
 Total: 231

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumccconover.org)
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Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
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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

October 2020

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November 2020

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Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
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Sep 27 - Oct 3

Oct 4 - 10

Oct 11 - 17

Oct 18 - 24

Oct 25 - 31

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Larissa Vigue		3 Ralph Hatch
	5 Bob Goodson Kathy Rockett Rick Wall		7 Robin Gibson Mary Rudisill Krystal Totherow	8 Dixon Adams Tony Taylor	9 Shelby Baggett Kaye Cloninger Gaye Hoke Evan Punch	10 Jeb Keisler
	12 Jennifer Hefner Adelia Tucker	13 Torie Peterson	14 Virginia Thornburg	15 Ray Elkin Leah Lowdermilk		
11 Betsy Stoker				22 Tyler Conner Jeff Thornburg	23 Amiya Haggins Bart Lowdermilk	24 Crystal Morrow Madison Thornburg
18 M.G. Doub Nickolas Joyner Julie Miller Gwynell Sears Holly Sherbert		20 Lea Nova Vigue Patricia Walling	21 Doug Black Ellie Choppa Gloria Davis Mackenzie Rogers	29 Andrew Lafone Daniel Lafone Tanner Rockett		
25 Alex Baucom LaRue Black Matthew Hefner August Teague	26 Glenda Yount		28 Lisa Cummings Tut Johnston Jon Rogers John Walker		30 Margaret Allen Dawson Chambers Levi Hefner Cheryl Krantz Rita Watson	

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 William and Brenda Novotny		3 Ralph and Patricia Hatch Tony and Jenene Nellenbach Kent and Annette Walker
				8 Gray and Ginger Doub	9 Scott and Kelle Love Alan and Jamie Thornburg	
				22 Tyler and Elizabeth Conner	23 Corey and Lindsay Keisler	
18 Kenneth and Dianne Hollar Charles and Lucy Rockett	19 Michael and Addie Copeland	20 Lionel and Krystal Totherow	21 Matthew and Jennifer Fiorucci			
	26 Doug and LaRue Black		28 Kenneth and Martha Johnson Chip and Dana Little Mike and Jeanette Stewart		30 Bart and Jackie Lowdermilk	