



CONOVER
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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 9, 2020

Friends,

As I was leaving the grocery store parking lot a mother, two elementary-aged daughters and grandmother - stooped over, walking ever so slowly with a cane, were crossing right in front of me. The young family had hurriedly crossed when the youngest girl stopped, ran back to her grandmother, took her hand and walked beside her... slowly and protectively. I saw Jesus! I was overcome with joy, gratitude and hope for this world. This little girl reached me!

After the success of *VBS-In-A-Box* we are continuing with the "In-A-Box" theme in our Children's Ministry. The next edition will be called *See Jesus*.

The messages, crafts and games will encourage children to listen to Bible stories and a) practice the observation skills to see Jesus, and b) think how their behavior will allow others to *See Jesus* in their own lives.

I urge you to reach out to me to by September 24th to make sure that any child you wish to reach is on our list. We want to ensure we have enough boxes for every child on pick-up day as there will be limited extra boxes for those that happen to stop by without registering.

Email: pastorcharmagne@gmail.com to receive registration forms.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Charmagne



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:

Ethan Wright
Jake Wright
Eric, Mary Leslie, Elec, Baker & Ryan Yount
Glenda Yount
James Zehmer
Laura & Tristan Zinkhan



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 CVMC

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 FROM THE TRUSTEES

A special thank you from the Trustees for all those who helped with the grounds clean up on Saturday. We made great progress with cleaning up around the Church.

Keith Hall, Trustee Chair

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



When the first of the seven angels who stood before God sounded his trumpet, the third part of the

- a. creatures in the sea died.
- b. waters became wormwood.
- c. sun, moon, and stars was smitten
- d. trees was burnt up.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence Sept. 6, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	31
10:00am Service	64
11:15am Service	37
Live Streaming	<u>124</u>
Total	256

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 14,325.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign (Shell Property)	75.00
Children's Bank	97.10
UMCOR (Hurricane Laura)	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 15,497.10

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE—Thursday,
Sept. 10th 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 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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WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM

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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 6, 2020:

69 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 124
 1st Service - 31; 2nd Service - 64; 3rd Service - 37
 Total: 256

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

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Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

d. trees was burnt up (Revelation 8:7)