



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
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Our Vision:

*“By knowing Him, we
seek to make Him
known to all people
through the love and
grace of Jesus Christ.”*



The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover

October 20, 2020

My dear friends of FUMC,

WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!! Since the middle of March, we have been reeling from the effects of the Coronavirus and doing the best we can do to remain the Church. It has not been easy, but I believe we have truly made progress in many ways. First of all, I want to say that we have the BEST LEADERS at the helm of our church who have spent countless hours thinking, praying and strategizing on how we can continue to worship and make a difference during this time. Thanks to all of you!! Since July 12, we had been meeting together for worship with three services averaging about 40% of what it was before the COVID. Now since October 18, we are back to our two services. Slowly we are emerging from this nightmare.....take heart and know that we will be back!

Since March, we have continued to share and give to agencies and ministries to be the hands of Christ. Also, we have grown in number with eleven new people joining the church. The spirit of our church is as good as it has ever been which tells me that, while we were “shut down,” we continued to grow in heart. This is the mark of a strong church!

As we continue to move forward, we are at the point where we set the budget for next year and look at our need for the right leaders. So, included in this newsletter are an “**estimate of giving**” card and a **menu of the areas of volunteer service** needed for next year. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help us as we come back together both in number and mission. Also, consider the area(s) in which God is calling you to serve for next year.

Sunday, November 1 will be **Stewardship Emphasis Sunday** where I provide information and inspiration for what we need to make 2021 a successful year. I will share with you update information regarding our 2021 budget as well as the giving profile of our congregation. Then **Sunday, November 8** will be **Stewardship Commitment Sunday** where you will have the opportunity to bring to the altar.....or mail in to the church.....your financial giving card and your ministry menu commitment. These are included in your newsletter but extras will also be available in the church narthex on that day.

So, let's prepare to move forward to the “next chapter” of God's vision for FUMC. As we each promised when we joined the church, let us support the church with our “prayers, attendance, gifts, service and witness.” Thank you, each of you, for your heart for Christ and commitment to the Gospel!!

Pastor 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:

Natasha, Liam & Allie Bunton
Rodney & Darlene Burgess
Debra & Kyle Byrd
Jackie Cagle
Buck & Anne Calloway
Michael & Laurie Cashion



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

None

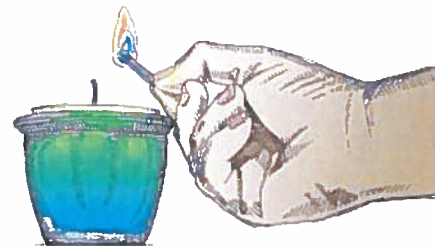
ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE

Sunday, November 1, 2020 we will observe All Saints Sunday at the 11:00am service. This service will be to remember those who have left the church militant and gone on to the church triumphant. We will be showing a photo of the church member on the screen, and a member of the family will be asked to come up and light a candle in their remembrance. We hope that you will be able to join us for this special service.

UPPER ROOMS

The November / December "Upper Room" devotional books are in the racks for you to pick up and use. One rack is located in the upper hallway by the water fountain, and the other is located on the bookshelf outside Pastor Charmaine's office. You can read the same daily devotional that is in the book each day by going on line to this website:

<http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/>



ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please submit your addresses to the Faithbuilders' Sunday school class by emailing your address at college or at home, if you are a commuter, to Denise Moose: mooselodge@bellsouth.net. They would like to stay in contact with you as you continue your studies. Faithbuilders' Sunday school class' mission is to support, encourage, and pray for you throughout the year. Also send your email address to the church office at:

fumcc@fumconover.org so you may receive the weekly Newsletter.

Thank you,
Denise Moose



NEWS TO USE

NEWS FROM ECCCM

Pastor & Congregation,
Thank you so much for volunteering with us last month. Your church worked a total of 98.5 hours with 3 volunteers during September 2020.

Thank you again for all of your hard work!

Thank you also for your donation of 40 pounds of food during the month of September to the ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry!

We all thank you deeply for your generosity and support during these uncertain times. Our community is stronger as we all work together; thank you for being a part of this necessary and important work.

Rev. Robert Silber
Executive Director

FAITHBUILDERS CLASS

The Faithbuilders Class will meet online and in person during the Sunday school hour.

Also, if you have anything for boxes, please bring to class and the youth will do the rest.

Charles Hornick



Pray for the People of our Nation wherever you are on **Thursday, Oct. 29**. The Sanctuary will be open between 9am and 5pm.

Sanctuary Volunteers are needed. Please contact Pastor Charmaine if you are able to help out.



PASTOR'S QUIZ



On the foreheads of the 144,000 who stood on mount Sion with the Lamb there was written

- a. nothing
- b. the name of the beast with a stroke through it
- c. the name of the Father of the Lamb
- d. alpha and omega

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence Oct. 18, 2020
Sunday School
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	100
11:15am Service	54
Live Streaming	153
Total	307

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 28,329.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign	25.00
Disciple 1 Book	20.00
Total	\$ 28,374.00

Sales & Use Tax Refund	\$ 1,719.86
Grand Total	\$30,093.86

JUST A REMINDER

Please remember to wear your name tags when attending church services. Thank you.



NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

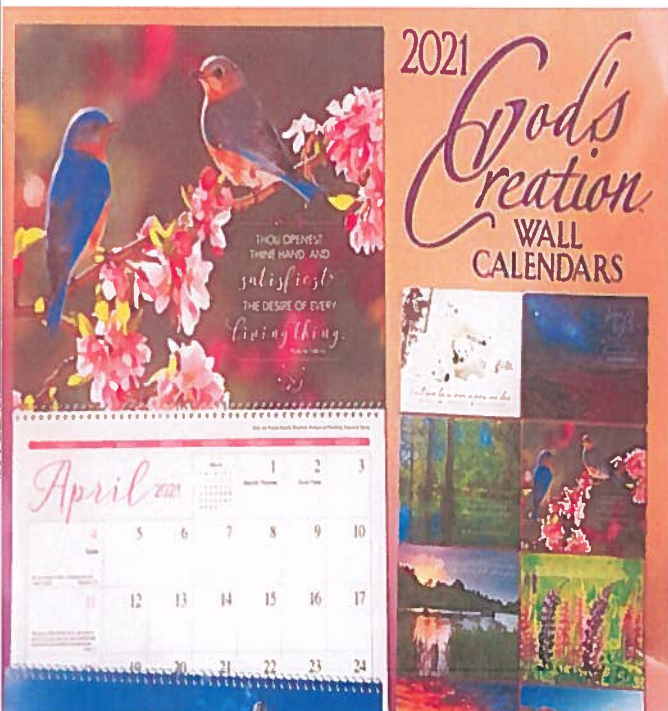
Nursery Workers are needed on Sunday at the 8:45am and the 11:00am services. Please contact Lorette Rheeder at (828) 238-8101 or go to the church's website and click on "Get Involved" and then click "Volunteer Sign-up". Thank you each and everyone for your willingness to volunteer for this much needed ministry of our church.



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Calendars are here!
The cost is \$7 each.
Please see a youth or
Charles or Mary Hornick
to get yours today!



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. the name of the Father of the Lamb (Revelation 14:1)

GUESTS for Sunday, October 18, 2020:

85 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 153
8:45am Service - 100; 11:00am Service - 54
Total: 307

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 (pastorcharmaine@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
Website:	(828) 464-4635-church
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



Ephesians 6:10-11

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

Calendar Watch

October

25 - Youth Meeting & Ministry Teams

November

1 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

15 - Youth Sunday

December

6 - Progressive Dinner

February '21

12 - 15 - Ridge Haven High School Retreat

April '21

23 - 25 - IgniteUs Middle School Retreat



Next Youth Meeting on October 25th

There are just 2 practices until Youth Sunday. We will continue reaching out to others through service projects. Meetings will be in the Life center. Please enter there for a temperature check. Masks are not mandatory but are recommended.

Youth Praise Team: 3:30pm
Youth Dance Team: 4:15pm
Meeting: 5pm
Youth Drama Team: 6:15pm

Youth Sunday is November 15th

There will be 2 services, 8:45 & 11. Both services will be in the sanctuary.

More information forthcoming concerning report times and other pertinent information.



Ridge Haven

The Ridge Haven retreat is for those in 9th - 12th grade. February 12th through the 14th or 15th.

Chaperones are needed.

Please see email. We will need to report numbers soon



Check us out on Facebook @ FUMCC Youth!



For more information about the Youth Ministry at Conover First United Methodist Church, please contact
Charles Hornick (828-381-7231 / charles_h71@charter.net)
Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)

Perfect Workout Gym presents Get **PUMPED** for Fall at **Pumpkin Lane**

Come Celebrate and Be A Part Of Our Gym Community
Fun Fall Activity for the Whole Family to Experience Safely with Social Distancing in place.
Help Us Brighten Conover by sharing your carved or painted pumpkins.

What: Pumpkin Contest (spookiest, most creative, and most colorful)

Drop off Your Pumpkin: decorated, painted or carved.

Illuminated with: glow sticks, battery operated tea lights, or pumpkin lights (no live flames)

Register : Pre register for the contest at Perfect Workout gym or come by in person on the 31st.

Where : Perfect Workout Gym 201 Conover Station Southeast, Conover, NC 28613

When : Sat Oct. 31st - 6pm-9pm Public Viewing

More Info follow us : <https://www.facebook.com/PerfectWorkoutLLC/>

- **DROP OFF -5pm-5:30pm Provide Contact Info - Drop off Pumpkin in assigned location. Please see staff onsite.**
- **PICK UP- 9pm. Winners Displayed upon pickup**

Prizes : Barnes & Noble Gift Cards, One Month Free Gym Membership .

Come out shortly after night fall on Halloween night when we make Conover glow at Pumpkin Lane.