



CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

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

November 10, 2020

Youth Sunday is THIS Sunday, November 15th! We are excited.

As we are all too well aware, this has been a different year. We were unable to do our Youth Sunday back in May. The youth also missed many of their favorite activities, including a mission trip and a summer retreat. We had to delay the start of youth by a month as we all became acclimated to the new operation of school and work.

We finally started back our regular youth meetings in October. Since we had to follow guidelines but wanted to reach out to the community, we did some “socially distanced” out reach. First, the youth put together Blessing Bags that you can hand out to the homeless. There are still a couple outside Charmagne’s office. Pick one up and be a blessing to someone. We also put together bags for Oxford Elementary parent night. These bags were used to engage the kids & parents as they work through this different school year. Finally, in conjunction with the Faithbuilders Sunday School class, we put together boxes for our former youth and others that are in college. These boxes contain items that will help them through finals and to know their home church family loves them. We also played some games and had some fun being back together.

Youth Sunday, as mentioned above, is this coming Sunday, November 15th. There will be two services, 8:45am and 11am. You will enter the church as you normally do. Due to social distancing, there will be limited seating. To accommodate that, both services will be streamed. The Life Center will also be able to handle any overflow.

The youth have had 4 practices to get ready for this service. They have made great progress and are looking forward to the service. We ask for your prayers that God’s message will be given through the youth and we hope this service will be a blessing to you.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday

FUMCC Youth



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:

Chris & Mary Ann Cooke
Michael, Addie & Alex Copeland
Linville & Betty Couch
Andrea Curotolo
Larry & Peggy Currie
Cole Cushman



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

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

Dolores Setzer at CVMC (At home)
Laurette Rheeder (Outpatient surgery) (At home)
H.A. Slate at ER (At home)

MEMORIAL **Local Missions Fund**

In memory of LaVerna Wilson by:
Alma Dixon

NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Wendell "Gene" Sigmon, age 79 of Newton and nephew of Ruthie Thornburg, died Monday, October 26, 2020 at Catawba Valley Medical Center.

A service to celebrate Gene's life was held on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 2pm at Balls Creek Campground under the arbor. Burial followed at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruthie, Harold and the family during this sad time.

To any and all CHRISTMAS **DECORATORS - Mark your** **calendars:**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, November 25th**

TIME: **10:00 am**

Please join us for great fellowship and fun as we come together to make the church beautiful!

Thank you and to God be the glory!

Contact Michelle Sierzenga at 828-446-8244 if you have questions.



NEWS TO USE

CHANGES TO: ADDRESS/PHONE/ EMAIL

In preparing for our directory update, please email your changes or corrections to addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses to: fumcc@fumcconover.org.

The year 2020 was to be the year for a new church directory, but with COVID-19, all that changed. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year and we will be able to plan a time to do a new church directory. If you are willing to volunteer to help with this project for late summer or early fall next year, please contact Robin in the church office at (828) 464-4635. The company that we choose will be doing most of the work as far as scheduling, etc. but we will need volunteers available on the days that photos are taken.



Church
Directory
UPDATE

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



PASTOR'S QUIZ



John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,

- arising out of the sea
- coming down out of heaven
- springing up suddenly from nowhere
- being built by the angels

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence November 8, 2020
Sunday School
22

Worship:	
8:45am Service	90
11:15am Service	66
Live Streaming	133
Total	289

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 16,211.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign	150.00
Children's Bank	20.00
Local Missions	25.00
Total	\$ 16,406.00

MEETINGS:

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2020

2:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting
(Conference room)

4:00pm - Church Council Meeting
(Clark classroom)

JUST A REMINDER

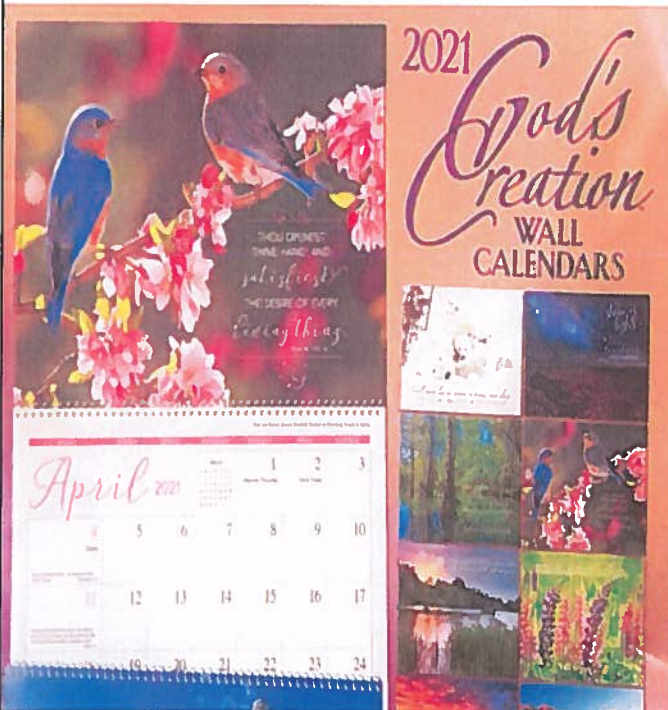
Please remember to wear your name tags when attending church services. Thank you.



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Conover, NC 28613
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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:

b. coming down out of heaven (Revelation 21:2)

GUESTS for Sunday, November 8, 2020:

74 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 133
8:45am Service - 90; 11:00am Service - 60
Total: 289

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
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

MORE NEWS TO USE



LAY SERVANT RECEIPIENT OF 2020

Lee Moritz, Jr., Lay Leader for FUMCC, presented the Lay Servant Person of the Year award to Eric Connor for 2020. Thank you Eric for your service to Christ and to First United Methodist Church Conover. Congratulations and well deserved.

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

We are pleased to sponsor the children from Conover School for our Angel Tree again this year. We have 37 angels for our tree! The Conover School is a separate public school for children of various ages that have disabilities. Each child has specific needs, so we try to give exact information for the items that will accommodate each child.

The Angel tree will be set up in the area where we currently enter the church on Sundays (outside of Charmaine's office). The tree will be up by Sunday, November 15, in hopes to allow more time for selection and shopping. If you are able to attend the services, you can select a name from the tree. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet along with your phone number.

Gifts will be due back by the end of the 11:00 church service on Sunday, December 6.

With our current restrictions, I realize that it may not be convenient to select a name from the tree or shop for an angel. I have setup an email address fumccangels@yahoo.com so you can communicate with me directly if you want to participate in the Angel tree ministry this season. I will be happy to select an angel for you from the tree and/or do the shopping for you. If you are interested in this option, please email me now at the address above. Just let me know what you wish to do. If you want me to do the shopping, please let me know how much you want to contribute in the email you send to me. You can pay me via check or Venmo.

We appreciate your help with this and we know that these children will be blessed with your kindness! Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 828-320-9904. Thank you so much!

Dana Little



Fueling Faith

Veterans Day is ...

- observed annually on November 11, the anniversary of the end of World War I
- a holiday honoring men and women who have served in the US armed forces
- not to be mistaken with Memorial Day.

Veterans Day provides us the opportunity to show our love and gratitude to all of our living veterans.

To all our veterans who served our Country at great cost to themselves and their families we thank you and we love you.



Coming Soon...

ADVENT BOXES



The Christmas Boxes. You brought them home empty; You bought and filled them up. Now it is time to bring them back - covered in your prayers! Boxes can be dropped off at the church office between 8am - noon and 1-4pm Monday through Thursday. The very last day to bring in your box will be Sunday, November 15. That's right ... **NEXT SUNDAY**. The boxes will be blessed and delivered to a distribution center the week of November 16th. It is not too late to pick up a box and shop. It is easy to build a box online! <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

Thank you for your support!

Children's Christmas *Wave Parade*

Our children have had a "strange" year. Missing out on Easter, Summer, Back-to-School and Harvest traditions with their church family. CHRISTMAS is going to be different!

On December 12th we will take 60 minutes to remind our children what the Spirit of Christmas is all about. Pastors Gary and Charmaine, Laurette Rheeder, Julie Patterson and her band of merry Sunday school teachers, and any other abled body that want to participate in spreading the joy; will join Santa in the Wave Parade!

R.S.V.P. to pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com by **December 7th**.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

4 - 5 PM

IN THE PARKING LOT

Come see us!!



Have questions? Contact Charmaine

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com.org / Text : (781) 913-4415



Ephesians 6:10-11

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

Calendar Watch

November

15 - Youth Sunday

December

6 - Progressive Dinner

January '21

31 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

February '21

7 - Souper Bowl of Caring
12 - 15 - Ridge Haven High School Retreat
21 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

March '21

12-13 - 30-hour Famine

April '21

23 - 25 - IgniteUs Middle School Retreat



Youth Sunday is November 15th

Youth Sunday is this coming Sunday. There will be 2 services, 8:45 & 11. Both services will be in the sanctuary. Please see email with more details concerning this service.

Report Times:

Dance team @ 7:45am

Drama team @ 8am

Praise team and everyone @ 8:15am



Progressive Dinner!

Progressive Dinner is coming on December 6th. It will be an evening a fun. More information will be forthcoming.



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 sent 10/25. We will need to report numbers by Nov 15th.

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)

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! With the Advent and Christmas season fast approaching, we will again be offering you the opportunity to order poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones. Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and checks should be made payable to FUMCC with a designation of "poinsettia". Please consider this page as the order form and more of these will be placed at the "temp check entrance" beginning this Sunday, November 8 through Sunday, November 22.

Please place your completed form and money in one of the order collection boxes. They are located in the narthex and outside Robin's office.

If you have any questions, please call Kelle Love at 828-381-6085



If you are interested in ordering a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone, please complete the following:

Given by: _____

of plants _____ @ \$10.00 _____

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

ALL ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY NOVEMBER 22



New This Year!

Shop online now!

www.connectionsclubhouse.org



Fundraiser Day Pick-up

1679 Southwest Blvd.

Newton, NC 28658

Dec. 5th (9am - 2pm)

Tickets - \$10

Drive through and pick out the bowl of your chosen color theme.



New This Year!

Shop In Person Events

Holiday Happenings @ The Mud Shack

Nov. 10th (10am-2pm)

Nov. 12th (3pm-7pm)

Nov. 17th (10am-2pm)

Nov. 19th (3pm-7pm)

More @ The Mud Shack

Dec. 8th (10am-2pm)

Dec. 10th (3pm-7pm)

**Donations accepted*

