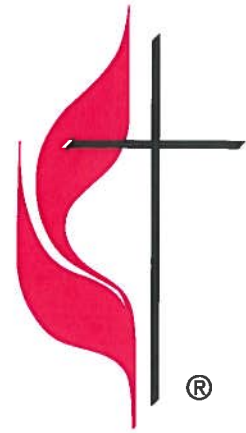




CONOVER  
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METHODIST

## *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 3, 2020*

### **The Reformation... and The Methodist Movement**

Greetings all!

I hope you have all had a great week so far and I am hoping that you all have your power restored, for those who have not had power for the past few days. For those of you who come from a Lutheran faith, you may know what I am going to be writing about this week, and for those of you who are not, I hope that this article is informative! Many of you might have heard of what some churches call and celebrate "The Reformation", and some of you might be wondering "what the heck is that"! Well, in the 16th century, there was a time of religious, political, intellectual, and cultural unrest that broke apart Catholic Europe. Basically, this was causing a set of standards that would set the stage for what the modern era Europe would look like, including religion. Some people of the time really didn't like that idea, especially the way the Catholic Church was defining the ability of Christian Practice. A specific person I want us to focus on is Martin Luther. Not Martin Luther King (I have an article soon about him!), but Martin Luther. Martin Luther, a German theologian, and reformer, was the catalyst of the Reformation. You might've heard of the "95 Theses". Well... what is that? Martin Luther penned these out, when he found out the Catholic Church, was "selling indulgences" to absolve sin. The two main points of the 95 Theses :

- *The Bible is the ONLY religious authority*
- *Salvation is by grace through faith alone, not deeds.*

Through the Reformation, it is said that people are encouraged to "provoke one another to love and to good works." (Hebrews 10:24), which I think is valid in the Methodist Church today. The Methodist "slogan" is : Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors. Not every church celebrates the Reformation, but we should always recognize it. This celebration of the Reformation provides a wonderful occasion for us to revisit, or perhaps visit for the first time, the relationships we have with other denominations. Some of those are found in formal full communion agreements, such as we have with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the northern and southern provinces of the Moravian Church and the Uniting Church of Sweden. Others are informal, growing from a host of relationships established in local communities through shared worship experiences and works of mercy. Just as God raised us up so that others might learn of the glorious gift of sanctification, there is much we can learn from our Anglican, Lutheran and Catholic sisters and brothers, among others. In the end, to celebrate the reformation as United Methodists, is to celebrate the God who refuses to accept the separation, the division, the conflict that sin occasions. It is to celebrate the God who not only pardons sinners, but also sanctifies, breaks down dividing walls against conflicting ideas, overcoming hostility, and healing the brokenness that is sin by making sinners saints, and enemies friends in Christ's one, holy, catholic body, which is the Church.

**Alex Wilson, Organist**

# \*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:

Herb Congdon  
Tyler, Elizabeth, Maddox, Madilyn & Waylon Conner  
Eric, Kim, Brooke & Michael Connor  
Jean Connor  
Holly & Travis Connor  
Monte & Chase Connor



## 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

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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

## WITH SYMPATHY

LaVerna Wilson, age 88 of Raleigh and a member of FUMCC, died Saturday, October 24, 2020 in Raleigh. A graveside service is scheduled for a later date. If you would like to send a card to her daughter, Cathye Banner, her address is:

Cathye Banner  
3617 Bridgeton Park Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27612

Our thoughts and prayers are with Cathye and the family during this sad time.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for the many ways in which you allow me to minister with you and for you. Your prayers, calls and cards throughout the year inspire me to keep going even when the going gets tough! For all the special cards, gifts, baked goods, fruit, breakfasts and lunches and contributions to several deserving charitable organizations... THANK YOU from the very bottom of my heart.

The support and creative space I am afforded means the world to me. I have truly been blessed when God led me and my family to serve here at Conover.

*Pastor Charmaine*

## 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/>



# 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](mailto: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.



## 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

Thrown into the lake of fire were all those whose names were

- not in any of the books
- in the books more than once
- not in the book of life
- in the book of death

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



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence November 1, 2020  
Sunday School  
N/A

Worship:	
8:45am Service	N/A
11:15am Service	N/A
Live Streaming	N/A
Total	N/A

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

General Fund	\$ 10,670.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign	25.00
Children's Bank	10.00
Total	\$ 10,705.00

## JUST A REMINDER

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



## NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

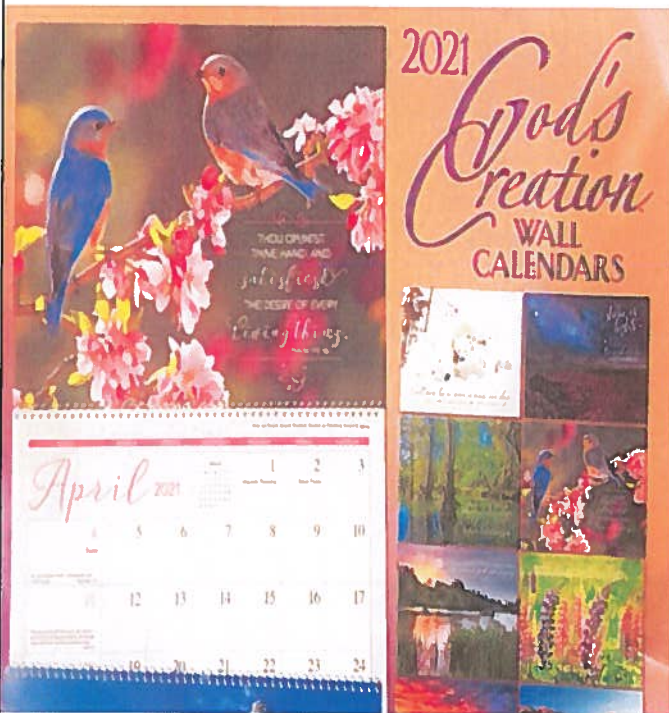
Nursery Workers are needed on Sunday at the 8:45am and the 11:00am services. Please contact Laurette Rheeder at (828) 238-8101 or go to the church's website and click on "Get Involved" and then click "Volunteer Sign-up". Thank you each and everyone for your willingness to volunteer for this much needed 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. not in the book of life (Revelation 20:15)*

**GUESTS for Sunday, November 1, 2020:**

N/A households viewed by live-streaming at  
1.8 persons per household = N/A  
8:45am Service - N/A; 11:00am Service - N/A  
Total: N/A

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)
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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 (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	

## 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:

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In Memory of:

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**ALL ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY NOVEMBER 22**



Ephesians 6:10-11

# First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

## Calendar Watch

### November

8 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams  
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



## Next Youth Meeting on November 8th

Since we had to cancel this past Sunday's meetings, we will have a meeting and practices this Sunday. It will be our FINAL practices and meeting before Youth Sunday. Please enter at the Life Center for screening. Masks are not mandatory but are recommended.

Youth Praise Team: will not meet  
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.

Report Times:  
Dance team @ 7:45am  
Drama team @ 8am  
Praise team @ 8:15am  
Everyone by 8:30am



## 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)