



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 December 1, 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas is coming soon and, of course, we all look forward to our Christmas Eve services. With the COVID virus still around, we have decided to modify them for your safety. So, here is our schedule for Christmas Eve.

We will offer two identical services in the Sanctuary: **5:00 and 6:30**. Each one will be about 45 minutes in length. At both services, **masks will be required. We WILL sing a few verses of some Christmas carols together.** Note that the sanctuary will be thoroughly sanitized following the 5:00 service in preparation for the next service. At both services, I will read the Christmas story and deliver a message. We will conclude with candlelight and the singing of “Silent Night” and “Joy to the World.”

Because we will social distance, there is a limit to how many can attend. **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SERVICES, WE ASK THAT YOU CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LET US KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING AND TO WHICH SERVICE YOU WILL COME. PLEASE DO THIS BY DECEMBER 21.** If either service reaches capacity (with social distancing), people will be directed to the Connor Family Life Center, where the service will be simulcast from the sanctuary and Charmaine will be present to lead in the candle lighting service.

Everyone will come in through the back door of the Church (as we have been doing on Sunday) and go through the safety stations. **We plan to live stream both services so that those who choose not to physically attend may be able to participate. Each person who plans to live stream the service please have a candle ready to light and an already lighted candle from which to get the light.** This will be a special and holy time as we participate in this service together.



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. Those with an asterisk are non-members. The families for this week are:

Junior & Anita Deal
Justin & Layla Deal
Mark & Rita Deal
Taylor & Fara Dellinger
Carol Dickinson
Gray & Ginger Doub

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Betty Couch at CVMC (Room 606)

MEMORIAL General Fund

In memory of Nancy Anderson by:
Mike Anderson



PLEDGE CARDS, TIME & TALENT SHEETS

If you haven't already done so, you can turn in your Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets to the church office Monday - Thursday 8am-12 noon and 1-4pm. Please call if you need any of these. Thank you.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Andrea Curotolo
2862 SW Olds Place
Stuart, FL 34997
(772) 971-7357
Email: curotolo@gmail.com

LOVE OFFERING FOR PASTORS / STAFF

We will receive a love offering for the Pastors & Staff members Sunday, December 6th. We will receive the love offering at the end of both services. The gift will be presented to the Pastors & Staff on Sunday, December 13th at the 8:45 and 11:00 am services. Thank you.

Eric Connor, Chairman
Staff Parish Relations
Committee



Pastors & Staff
Appreciation

Remember Our Homebound

DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN THE NURSING FACILITIES & OUR HOMEBOUND!

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

Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Living at
Rock Barn (Room 107)
4174 Shook Road
Claremont, NC 28610

M.G. Doub, 319 7th Street Place SW #A6
Conover, NC 28613

Betty Moritz, 103 County Home Road
Conover, NC 28613

Dolores Setzer PO Box 1237
Conover, NC 28613

Glenna Sherrill, 2038 North Deal Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

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.

NEWS TO USE

FACE MASKS REQUIRED AT BOTH SERVICES

Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Catawba County, the Church Council is requiring masks to be worn at both services for a temporary period of time. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMPLETE!

As of November 30, 2020 all costs associated with the purchase, financing and demolition of the adjoining Shell property have been collected in full. Any and all remaining outstanding pledges are hereby cancelled. No other pledges or contributions for purchase of the Shell property will be accepted. Any future funds received for this purpose will either be returned to the donor or applied to another approved designated fund of the church with the donor's permission. With sincere thanks.

Bob Goodson

CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Christmas season is here, and once again the Caring Ministry would like to spread love and joy to our homebound and nursing facility members. Bags have been placed outside Charmaine's office with names of our 7 members. Please bring a Christmas card to add to each bag on Sunday morning or bring them by during the week. The names are listed in the newsletter. If you are not comfortable getting out, feel free to drop your cards in the mail. The **deadline will be December 20th**, so that we will have time to deliver the bags.

Thank you for your help in this special ministry.

The Caring Ministry Team



PASTOR'S QUIZ



The new city had

- a. no temple
- b. one temple
- c. twelve temples
- d. forty temples

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence November 22, 2020
Sunday School
38

Worship:	
8:45am Service	71
Baptism	27
11:15am Service	76
Live Streaming	176
Total	350

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,292.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign	2,700.21
Local Missions	700.00
Poinsettias	330.00
Staff Love Offering	585.50
Webstreaming Fund	959.79
Total	\$ 16,567.50

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence November 29, 2020
Sunday School
37

Worship:	
8:45am Service	64
11:15am Service	49
Live Streaming	160
Total	273

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,291.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)</i>	
Capital Campaign	25.00
Poinsettias	10.00
Staff Love Offering	1,251.00
Total	\$ 12,577.00

GUESTS for Sunday, November 22, 2020:

98 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 176
8:45am Service - 71; 11:00am Service - 76
Total: 350

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

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410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
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Children's
Christmas *Wave Parade*



Saturday, Dec. 12, 4 - 5pm

Children and grandchildren will experience an array of "entertainment" in this Parade, all from the safety of your vehicle.

Snowballs 'might' be flying!! Watch out Santa!!

***R.S.V.P.* by December 7th**

Text: 781-913-4415 or

Call: 828-464-4635

or pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. one temple (Revelation 21:22)

GUESTS for Sunday, November 29, 2020:

89 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 160
8:45am Service - 64; 11:00am Service - 49
Total: 273

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumcconover.org)
Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Organist	Alex Wilson (organistfumcconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	www.fumcconover.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 1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613
Associate Pastor's phone #	
Associate Pastor's address	

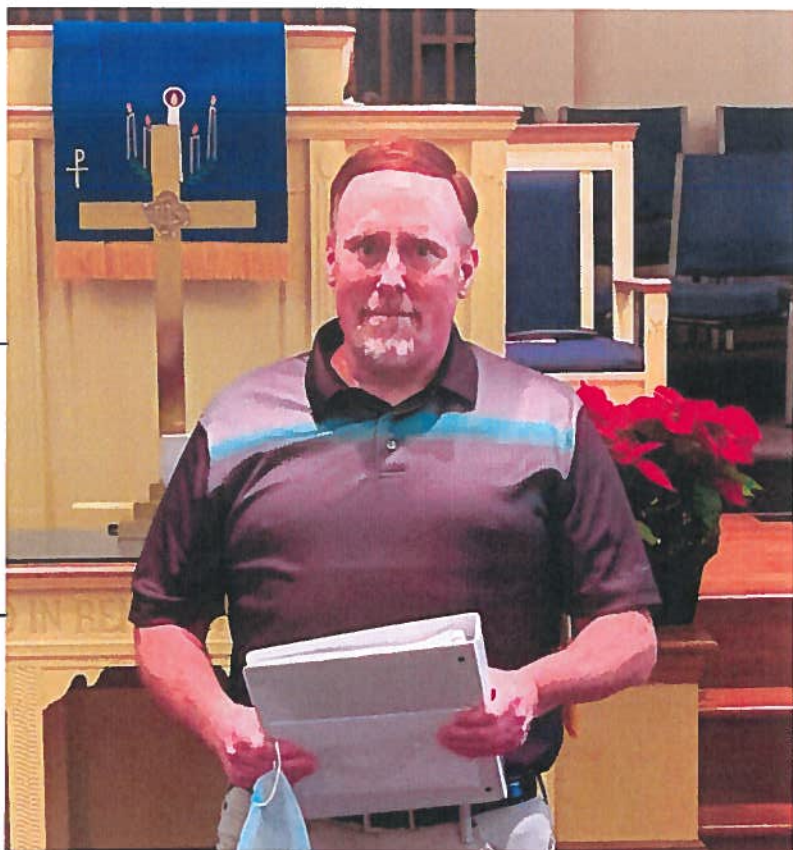
NEWEST MEMBERS OF FUMCC SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

RANDY AND JODY PORTER
140 DULA LOOP
TAYLORSVILLE, NC 28681
JODY - (828) 234-9870
EMAIL - jodymporter@hotmail.com
(Not pictured - Caroline & Quentin Porter)

CAROLINE PORTER
3751 HWY. 421 N, DUPLEX A
VILAS, NC 28692



HANK BECK
735 S CLINE AVE A-1
NEWTON, NC 28658
CELL - (828) 228-6854
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Poinsettias Given in Honor of and in Memory of (2020)

Given By

Elaine Biles
Randy & Diane Howard
Randy & Diane Howard
Danny & Sandy Baucom
Danny & Sandy Baucom
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Johnson
Linda Birchfield
Harold & Ruthie Thornburg
Harold & Ruthie Thornburg
Mark and Rita Deal
Mark and Rita Deal

Given By

Betty Prater
Rick & Linda Parker
Susan Hunsucker & Family
Armando & Joyce Lagunas
Armando & Joyce Lagunas
Dolores Setzer
Tommi & Charlie Anderson
The Simpson Family
Randy & Diane Howard
Melissa Hunsucker

Dave & Brenda Putnam
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Dave & Brenda Putnam
Jeanne Abernathy
Danny & Sandy Baucom
Danny & Sandy Baucom
Danny & Sandy Baucom
Danny & Sandy Baucom
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Johnson
Powell & Virginia Sigmon
Powell & Virginia Sigmon
Harold & Ruthie Thornburg
Harold & Ruthie Thornburg
Kim Thornburg
Kim Thornburg
Jim & Jeanette Davis

In Honor Of

Of All My Friends at FUMCC
Mrs. Jean Howard
Dr. & Mrs. Garland Wampler
Alex, Hiley & Jolie Baucom
Ashley Baucom
our children: Clegg, Jonathan & Sharon
Ray Birchfield (Happy Birthday Dec. 4)
Laurie & Michael Cashion
Jeff, Kim & Lee Thornburg
Betty Fisher
Wilma Deal

In Memory Of

Garfield "Jiggs" & Marion Jones
Edna Warren & Herman Warren
Lorance & Sadie Clark
Hallie & Leona Griffin
Armando & Beatriz Lagunas
Hugh Setzer
Our Parents
Jim Simpson
Mr. Kelly Howard
My loving parents, Frank Bolick,
Jan Harris, & Clyde Harris, Jr.
George & Polly Sigmon
Claude & Grace Hefner
Cathie Arndt
Lawrence & Ellen Putnam
Randy Abernathy
Fred & Doris Safrit
Margaret Baucom
Benjamin Baucom
Mary Baucom
Mal & Lois Sigmon
Ethel & Toon Johnson
Clinton & Amelia Sigmon
C.D. & Helen Clay
Frank Sigmon Family
Lee E. Thornburg Family
Joshua Stanus
Gigger Hedrick
Jimmy Davis, Jr.



Ephesians 6:10-11

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

Calendar Watch

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



Progressive Dinner is Sunday December 6

Progressive Dinner is this Sunday at 5:30pm. The dinner will be in the Connor Life Center. All protocols will be observed.

Bring a small gift for exchange. See Charles or Mary if you have any questions.

Ridge Haven

The High School retreat to Ridge Haven is February 12th - 15th. Numbers have been submitted to Ridge Haven. Online registration will be coming soon.

Some Chaperones are still needed.



Next Year

We will be exploring our theme in January. We will learn more about the armor of God through lessons, games, and other activities.

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)

Facts to know about the ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry...

Daily we see families in our community face unprecedented uncertainty, often waiting in long lines just to ensure food for their family. The ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry meets the challenge by:

- Mobilizing dozens of dedicated volunteers monthly from all walks of life
 - To collect, inspect and prepare 150,000 pounds of nutritious food
 - That is distributed to 2,000 individuals and families
 - At a cost of less than \$2 per pound!

Facts to know about ECCCM Services

During the pandemic individuals, businesses and foundations helped ECCCM establish a COVID-19 Relief fund to help residents who lost work. The impact includes:

- ECCCM ensures people stay in their homes helping with late mortgage, rent or utility bills.
- ECCCM case managers support families personally through these uncharted waters to ensure a sustainable new reality
- ECCCM's Crisis Assistance Coaching Program provides critical financial planning and budgeting support those who need help with job searches, resume creation and training.
- ECCCM has strategic partnerships with leading employers like CVCC's Manufacturing Academy for job skills and retooling so that those in need can rejoin the workforce.
- For every dollar of community investment, ECCCM provides over 3.5x value in services
- Finally, ECCCM strives daily to ensure it never has to turn anyone in need away due to lack of funding. Something that has yet to occur in ECCCM's 51-year history!

Did you know...

ECCCM operates efficiently, with an overhead ratio of 9%, meaning 91% of every dollar donated goes directly to programs serving people.

Eddie Warren & ECCCM would like to thank all the volunteers of the church for all you do in our efforts to feed the hungry and minister to other needs of families less fortunate.