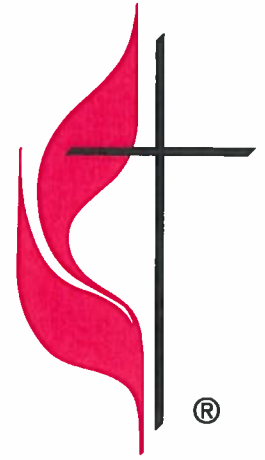




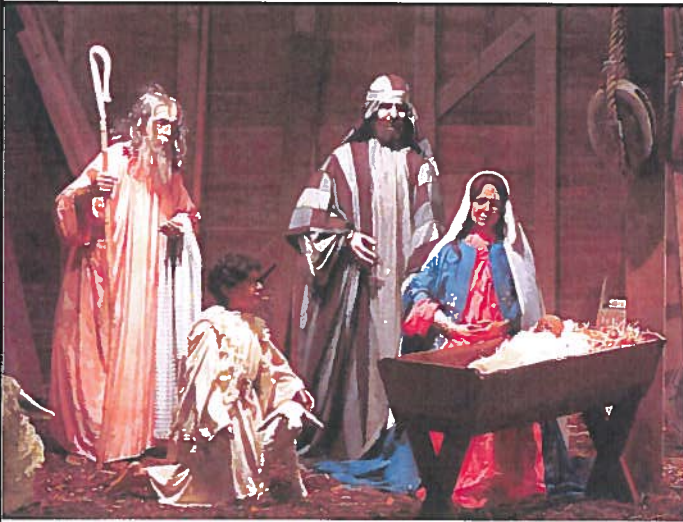
Our Vision:

*“By knowing Him, we
Seek to make Him known to
all people
Through the love and
Grace of Jesus Christ.”*



CONOVER
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The Weekly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Conover December 22, 2020



***Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
off-spring of a virgin's womb.
veiled in flesh the God-head see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King!”***

— Charles Wesley

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

The Staff of FUMCC

Dr. Gary

Pastor Charmaine

Robin

Jon

Shannon

Alex

Pilar

Luisa

The Preschool Staff

Ginger

Julie

Jenene

Yvette

Jamie

Madigan

Colleen

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:

Bob & Lois Goodson
Michael, Christy, Brandon & Andy Greco
Barbara Hager
Eli Hailey
Keith & Tommie Hall
Mark, Rachel & David Hamilton

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Robert Allen at Duke Medical Center
Barbara Wilcox at Frye Regional MC



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.

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Mrs. Wilma Lee Stewart Deal, 87 of Newton and mother of Mark Deal, died Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at Valley Nursing Center in Taylorsville. Due to the COVID virus all services are private. Memorials may be made to Bethel Lutheran, 5759 Bolick Rd., Claremont, NC 28613. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark & Rita and the family during this sad time.

Jeffrey "Jeff" Alan Hefner, 60 of Conover died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory. Jeff is the father of Jeffrey Hefner, Jr., (Jennifer) Crystal Hefner (partner Shannon Grindstaff), and Laura Hefner all of Conover. His mother and step-father are Betty Couch and Linville of Newton. His sister is Anita Huffman (Bill) of Conover. He has three grandchildren, Matthew Hefner, Levi Hefner and James Igims, III. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff, Jr., Jennifer, Matthew, Levi, Crystal, Shannon, Laura, James, Betty, Lin, Anita, and Bill during this sad and difficult time.

HONORARIUM Local Missions

In honor of all the weekly volunteers who make it possible for FUMCC to have in-house in-person worship services and be able to share it with our members and community via Facebook and livestreaming, and in appreciation of those who participated as bell ringers for the Salvation Army by: Bob & Lois Goodson



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

Betty Couch - Trinity Village
1265 21st St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 328-2006

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

WITH MANY THANKS!!!

Thank you to Michelle and Jeff Sierzenga and all the decorating committee who made our church so beautiful during the advent and Christmas season. You always do an outstanding job and we truly appreciate it.

Thank you to the audio/visual teams for your continued faithfulness to make our services the best they can be and to live stream so that others may participate in the services.



PASTOR'S QUIZ

The angel who had shown John these things said at the end,



- a. "seal up the sayings of the prophecy of this book"
- b. "seal up this book save the words of prophecy"
- c. "seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book"
- d. "seal up this book for one thousand years"

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence December 20, 2020
Sunday School
46

Worship:	
8:45am Service	77
11:15am Service	53
Live Streaming	193
Total	323

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 12,318.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank 50.00
Local Missions Fund 400.00
Total \$ 12,768.00

Additional Deposit 12/21/20 to General Fund
(Replacement cost for wind damage less
\$1000 deductible)

\$895.80

ATTENTION: ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, Y/E OFFERINGS

As the year comes to a close, please remember to submit any address or phone number changes to the church office at (828) 464-4635 or via email to fumcc@fumconover.org so that the information will be up to date for the update to the directory. The update hopefully will be ready to hand out the middle of January, 2021. We hope to be doing a new directory in June if the CFLC will be open and it is safe to do so.

Also, **all year-end offerings will need to be submitted to the church office no later than noon on Tuesday, December 29th.**

OFFICE CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS: DEC. 24TH, DEC. 30TH AND DEC. 31ST.

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PICK UP POINSETTIAS

To those of you who purchased poinsettias, please feel free to take your poinsettia(s) home after the Christmas Eve service or you may also drop by the church office Tuesday or Wednesday of this week or Monday and Tuesday of next week to pick up your poinsettia.

Thank you so very much for your part in helping make our sanctuary so pretty!

Kelle Love



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. "seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book"
(Revelation 22:10)

GUESTS for Sunday, December 20, 2020:

107 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 193
8:45am Service - 77; 11:00am Service - 53
Total: 323

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
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



First United Methodist Church

410 FIRST AVENUE, NORTH
CONOVER, NORTH CAROLINA 28613

December 22, 2020

Friends,

When you join a church.....as you have joined FUMC.....you become part of a connectional system or a “family.” Whether you realize it or not, we are made with the desire to fit in and find our full identity within such a connection. We meet new believers, we help others, we work together to make a difference and worship together in spirit and truth.

There are also benefits in this “membership.” We receive strength and help when we find ourselves in times of grief or pain and, when we have a particular need, we can rely on each other for help and assistance.

With this in mind, we are formulating a list of businesses and services provided among our members. When someone in our church needs a service or product, they can go to this list and, hopefully, identify someone within the church who professionally or personally offers what they need. This way, it is a win-win for everyone!

So, if you are willing to have your business, service, product or willingness to help on a list which goes out to all members, please complete the form on the other side of this page and send it back to the church. This list will go out to all members and new members when they join.

Thank you for being willing to BE the Church and to strengthen our fellowship with each other.

Pastor Gary

Contact Information for services provided by Church Members

Church Member Contact Name: _____

Business Name and Address: _____

Service Provided: _____

Telephone number: Office: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Web Site: _____

General description of Business: _____

January 2021

January 2021							February 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31							28						

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/27 - 1/1	Dec 27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 21	2
1/3 - 8	3 08:45am Service (Sanc) 10-10:45am Optional : 11am Service (Sanctua	4	5	6	7	8 NEW YEAR'S DAY Preschool Closed	9 6:30am-4pm J.T.Russe
1/10 - 15	10 08:45am Service (Sanc) 10-10:45am Optional : 11am Service (Sanctua	11	12	13	14	15	16
1/17 - 22	17 08:45am Service (Sanc) 10-10:45am Optional : 11am Service (Sanctua	18 MLK Jr.'s Birthday OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED	19	20	21	22 6:30am-4pm J.T.Russe 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CF	23 9am-1pm G. Scouts-1:
1/24 - 29	24 08:45am Service (Sanc) 10-10:45am Optional : 11am Service (Sanctua	25	26	27	28	29	30
1/31 - 2/5	31 08:45am Service (Sanc) 10-10:45am Optional : 11am Service (Sanctua 3pm-8pm Yth Mtgs (C	Feb 1	2	3	4	5	6

Birthdays

Who = (everyone); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Jonathan Farthing Pam Lowdermilk				7 Brien Bowen		2 Eric Clark
10 Loni Barbersek Sierra Goble	11 Evelyn Brooks Carole Cloninger Dennis Knecht	12 Wayne Thornburg Brandon Vigue	13 Roxxi Slaughter	14 Debra Byrd	15 Cole Cushman Bradley Yount	9 Tommy Hall
17 Laurie Cashion	18 Mark Pennell Sydney Roberts Reese Rockett	19 Taylor Price Jacob Scott	20 Michael Greco Jaunita Whisnant	21 Layla Deal Haley Matthews		16 Sidney Cashion Wendy Price
24 Elizabeth Hornick	25 Andy Briggs	26 Michele Moritz Debbie Wike	27 Lucas Hernandez	28 Tony Garrison Jonathan Myers	29 Anne Calloway Greta Induni Aaron Watson Caroilyn Whitlock	23 Robert Matthews
31 Linda Birchfield Wende Briggs Lori Schulze Lori Sigmon						30 Nancy Wall

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					8 Andy and Wende Briggs	
						16 Jimmy and Cindy Clark Gerald and Sandy Loftin
	19 Dave and Cheryl Markland					
			27 Ann and Fred Cook			