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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

January 12, 2021



Two year old class decorating Christmas cookies. Above L to R: Addi, Zynlie, Madison, Aarush, Walter, Esther and Oliver.

CHRISTMAS 2020 AT PRESCHOOL

Christmas has come with excitement, confusion, joy, fun, worship and cookies. Christmas has gone, at least at preschool, with a sigh of relief. Now we are looking forward to a new year and more fun, learning, confusion, joy, worship and (always) more cookies.

This has been a great Preschool year. We have all stayed healthy, children and staff, and for that we give thanks to the LORD. We were all nervous about reopening this program in what has certainly been an uncertain time. FUMCC has graciously allowed us to move into this school year. Things have not been easy, but with the help of church staff, church council and the wonderful Preschool staff we have moved forward in a year where it's hard to imagine moving at all.

We wish the FUMCC members, Preschool families, and this community HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Gods blessings,

Ginger, Julie, Jenene, Yvette, Colleen, Jamie, and Madigan

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:

Don & Cheryl Hedrick
Crystal Hefner
Jeffrey, Jennifer, Matthew & Levi Hefner
John & Betsy Hemmings
Eddie & Connie Henderson
Sharon Hendricks

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Andrea Long on becoming a first time grandmother and to Justin Long for becoming a first time uncle. Baby Chandler Samuel was born in Ocala, Florida Christmas Eve morning at 8:42am, weighing 7lbs. 10 ozs.

The proud, adoptive parents are Paul & Katherine Long of Huntersville, NC. Baby Chandler, Mommy and Daddy are now home in Huntersville and all are doing well.

This has indeed been a true blessing for Andrea's children and her little family.



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

Barbara Wilcox - Trinity Ridge Rehab
2140 Medical Park Drive
Hickory, NC 28602 - (828) 322-6995

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, JAN. 17TH 2:00 PM

We will meet in the Sanctuary and follow all COVID-19 guidelines and masks are required. Thank you.

MINISTRY MATTERS

Have you tried one or more ministries and found your heart is just not in it? Well, consider the fact that you may have been in the wrong ministry! Just as each of us have different abilities and gifts in our lives, so too has the Holy Spirit given us Spiritual gifts. The key to being in fulfilling ministry is to know your Spiritual gifts. I am happy to assist in determining your gifts.

Email pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com or call the office (828) 464-4635 to request your inventory.

Pastor Charmaine

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.



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.



ATTENTION: ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS

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.

PASTOR'S QUIZ



Jesus was born in

- a. Bethlehem of Judaea
- b. Bethlehem of Zebulun
- c. Nazareth
- d. Jerusalem

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 10, 2020
Sunday School
29

Worship:	
8:45am Service	51
11:15am Service	34
Live Streaming	<u>162</u>
Total	247

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$10,661.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Columbarium Fund	400.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Youth Fund	<u>70.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,181.00

GUESTS for Sunday, January 10, 2020:

90 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 162
8:45am Service - 51; 11:00am Service - 34
Total: 247

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

A FEW YOUTH CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE

Please contact Charles Hornick via email at charles_h71@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a Youth Calendar for \$7.00.



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2021 FLOWER CHART

Please note that if you wish to sign up on the 2021 flower chart, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635 Monday-Thursday to reserve your date. You may either have a local florist deliver your flowers (most have a key to the church and can deliver on Saturday), or in lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to a designated fund of the church in memory or in honor of someone.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. Bethlehem of Judaea
 (Matthew 2:1)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaine@gmail.com)
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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
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Pastor's address	2161 Augusta National Drive Denver, NC 28037
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Associate Pastor's address	1307 8th Avenue NW Conover, NC 28613