



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 January 5, 2021*

### **WINTER SERMON SERIES** **Believe It.....or Not** **Sunday, January 10 – February 28**

What is the central core of doctrine which we believe and stand upon? We often recite the “**Apostles’ Creed**” but do we really know what we are saying? This ancient creed, which was written around AD 150, encapsulates the essential components of our faith. It IS our theological foundation.

Beginning **Sunday, January 10** we will work our way through the sections of this important creed. We will take a close look at these “non-negotiable” beliefs and seek to show how the lyrics of many of our beloved hymns align with them. We can say it “by heart,” but do we really believe it? The choice is ours: **Believe it....or Not.**

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|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday, January 10..... “Believing is Seeing”</b>                | John 20               |
| <b>Sunday, January 17..... “Is Anyone Out There??”</b>              | Psalms 90 & Genesis 1 |
| <b>Sunday, January 24 ..... “There’s Something about that Name”</b> | Philippians 2         |
| <b>Sunday, January 31 ..... “The Price is Right”</b>                | Romans 5              |
| <b>Sunday, February 7..... Holy Communion</b>                       |                       |
| <b>Sunday, February 14..... “Up, Up &amp; Away!!”</b>               | Ephesians 1 & Acts 1  |
| <b>Sunday, February 21 ..... “Do you Believe in Ghosts??”</b>       | John 14 & Acts 1      |
| <b>Sunday, February 28..... “Have you been to CHURCH Lately?”</b>   | 1 Corinthians 12      |

**Dr. Gary**

# \*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:

Ronnie & Jean Hampton  
Bill, Jennifer & Michael Harris  
Ron & Dottie Harris  
Ralph & Patricia Hatch  
Tim, Amy & Samantha Hawn  
Steve & Brenda Heafner



## **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

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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.

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Barbara Wilcox at Frye Regional MC (Room 274)

## **A NOTE OF SYMPATHY**

Robert John Allen, 72, of Claremont, NC, died Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Duke Raleigh Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Robert is the husband of Margaret Allen and the father of Christopher Allen of Boulder Colorado and Frances Allen of Dallas, NC.

A private graveside service was held Monday, Jan. 4th at Bethlehem UMC Cemetery in Claremont with the Rev. Charmaine Van Rooyen officiating. A Celebration of Life service is planned for a later date.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret, Frances & Chris during this sad and difficult time.

## **MEMORIALS Corner Table**

In memory of Wilma Deal by:  
Gerald & Sandy Loftin

## **General Fund**

In memory of Randy Abernathy by:  
Melissa Hunsucker

## **HONORARIUM Organ Fund**

In honor of two very special people in their lives, Lee & Betty Moritz, by Mark & Lynn Murphy (Lynn's Godparents).

## **THANK YOU**

Rick and I sincerely thank everybody who sent us the Christmas cards - either by mail or in the "card bags." It was truly heartwarming to read all the beautiful messages from so many of our loving church family. Again our thanks and love.

Linda Parker

# 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](mailto: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

The angel of the Lord instructed Joseph to call Mary's son Jesus, for He was to



- restore Jerusalem
- transmit messages from the Lord
- save His people from their sins
- preach love, not hate

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Attendance at Christmas Eve Services:

|                |   |    |
|----------------|---|----|
| 5:00pm Service | - | 51 |
| 6:30pm Service | - | 66 |

By Our Presence December 27, 2020  
Sunday School  
36

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Worship:        |            |
| 8:45am Service  | 52         |
| 11:15am Service | 32         |
| Live Streaming  | <u>155</u> |
| Total           | 239        |

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$25,090.00  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Corner Table | 150.00        |
| Organ Fund   | 1,350.00      |
| Youth Fund   | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total        | \$ 26,790.00  |

### Final Deposit on 12/31/2020:

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | 5,065.00        |
| Organ Fund   | <u>3,178.00</u> |
| Total        | \$ 8,243.00     |

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence January 3, 2021  
Sunday School  
29

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Worship:        |            |
| 8:45am Service  | 60         |
| 11:15am Service | 41         |
| Live Streaming  | <u>184</u> |
| Total           | 285        |

### God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 10,230.50  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Children's Bank | <u>16.90</u> |
| Total           | \$ 10,247.40 |

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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.

### **GUESTS for Sunday, December 27, 2020:**

86 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 1.8 persons per household = 155  
 8:45am Service - 52; 11:00am Service - 32  
 Total: 239

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

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### **GUESTS for Sunday, January 3, 2021:**

102 households viewed by live-streaming at  
 1.8 persons per household = 184  
 8:45am Service - 60; 11:00am Service - 41  
 Total: 285

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

c. save His people from their sins  
*(Matthew 1:21)*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Pastor                         | Dr. Gary Royals<br>(pastor@fumcconover.org)                      |
| Associate Pastor of Faith Dev. | Charmaine Van Rooyen<br>(pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)             |
| Administrative Assistant       | Robin Mays<br>(fumcc@fumcconover.org)                            |
| Music Director                 | Jonathan Rogers<br>(jsrogers99@gmail.com)<br>(828) 244-7019      |
| Pianist                        | Shannon Rogers<br>(srog101@gmail.com)<br>(828) 244-6124          |
| Organist                       | Alex Wilson<br>(organistfumcconover@gmail.com)<br>(803) 810-3396 |
| Preschool Director             | Ginger Doub (466-3158)<br>(ps@fumcconover.org)                   |
| Lead Nursery Worker            | Pilar Tobar  |
| Custodian                      | Luisa Toro Bryan<br>(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<br>Denver, NC 28037                  |
| Associate Pastor's phone #     | (781) 913-4415 - cell  |
| Associate Pastor's address     | 1307 8th Avenue NW<br>Conover, NC 28613                          |