



CONOVER
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

February 23, 2021

ECCCM IS HERE TO HELP!

ECCCM (pronounced E tri-C M) is here to help the community with crisis situations. A crisis is a one-time exceptional event that throws a household into a situation that may call for emergency assistance. ECCCM assists with emergency financial assistance to assist a family to remain in their home, with utilities and heat. The ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry was named after one of FUMCC's own members, Charlie Bunn. Additionally, the ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry provides emergency food, and various hunger programs are designed to alleviate food insecurity issues.

Typical situations leading to a crisis include, but are not limited to, job layoffs and unemployment, underemployment, unexpected major expenses such as medical emergencies or other crisis situations. Residents are invited to apply for assistance if needed. A personal interview is required with proper documentation. To fully assist those in need, ECCCM provides full case management to each family, providing a hand up not a hand out, that is designed to walk with those in need until the crisis situation is alleviated. Our goal is to return a family to financial independence. Through case management, and the Crisis Assistance Coaching Program, successful clients receive individual help, personal goal setting with action steps, additional budgeting help, and job training with the likelihood of a better paying job.

ECCCM is passionate about positively impacting others in a godly manner in the midst of a crisis situation, and fulfills the biblical message our pastors teach on Sunday: being the body of Christ into the world. In addition to our supportive churches, ECCCM receives support from individuals, local businesses and foundations.

Jesus said,

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me” (Matt 25:35–36 NRSV).

ECCCM serves all of eastern Catawba County outside of Hickory zip codes 28601 & 28602 (ECCCM service area), providing emergency financial assistance for mortgage and rent payments, assistance with utility bills, fuel oil and kerosene purchases, and life-necessary pharmaceuticals. In addition, ECCCM provides emergency food and clothing to those in need.

ECCCM - March Madness - Donations: Food and/or Monetary. From March 1st through April 6th.

The Charlie Bunn Food Pantry is asking for donations in honor of your favorite basketball team. The weight for all donations for each team will be totaled at the end of March Madness. For each dollar donated, 3 lbs. will be added to your favorite team. Team and church/organization winners will be announced at the end! You will find donation boxes in the hallway leading to the CFLC! There will be a labeled box for each of the four NC ACC teams and one box for all other team donations. For this "other" box there will be a sticky note pad and pen that you can write the name of the team you are donating to. Just stick the note on one of the cans inside your bag! If you want to make a monetary donation, make the check payable to ECCCM and write your team name on the memo line and from FUMCC. You can include this donation in your offering envelope and we will get your donation to ECCCM!

For sure, all donations are appreciated and are greatly needed, maybe more so during this Pandemic!
Thanks to all church volunteers from FUMCC!

Eddie Warren
Church Ambassador

VOLUNTEER DAY AT ECCCM
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

Diane Howard
ECCCM Board of Directors

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:

Armando & Joyce Lagunas
Len & Julie Lawing
Jeanne Laws
Gary & Kelly Little
Brad & Kim Little
Chip, Dana, Aaron & Mack Little

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Terry Shepherd at CVMC
Betty Fisher at Frye Regional MC

MEMORIAL

Matthew Bolick Scholarship Fund

In memory of Charles Bolick by:
Leonard & Julie Lawing

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor & Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of 4 pounds of food during the month of January to ECCCM Charlie Bunn Food Pantry!
Thank you so much for volunteering with us last month! Your church worked a total of 122.5 hours with 8 volunteers during January 2021. As you know, 20% of homes in our community live with food insecurity. Your hard work helped alleviate that problem.

If anyone in your congregation would like to volunteer with us regularly, please contact Allen Sherrill at (828) 465-1702 or email at a.sherrill@ecccm.org.

Thank you again for all of your hard work!
Allen M. Sherrill
Director of Food Pantry Operations
ECCCM

THANK YOU

Dear Dr. Royals & friends,
Thank you for your recent donation. Through the support of donors like you, we are reminded about the power of kindness, the generosity of the human spirit, and the common bond we share. Now, more than ever, the promise of home is the promise of stability. In a year unlike any other, your generosity has kept Habitat building strength, stability, and self-reliance in our community.

On behalf of Habitat Catawba Valley and the families we serve, thank you for demonstrating once again that when we come together, we can raise the bar - and raise the roof!
Sincerely,
Mitzi Gellman
Executive Director



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.

NEWS TO USE

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE

For those who attend worship on Sunday, Erin Moritz and Addison Punch will be selling Girl Scout cookies in one of the classrooms on the Children's Sunday school wing. So, get your delicious cookies from them. The cost is \$5 a box.



PASTOR'S QUIZ



Upon Jesus' baptism, when the voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved son," the Spirit of God descended like

- a. an eagle
- b. a cloud
- c. a dove
- d. a pillar of fire

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

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 2021

DATES HAVE BEEN SET TO TAKE FAMILY PHOTOS FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN JUNE.

WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS. THANK YOU.

JUNE 8, 9 & 10!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 21, 2021
Sunday School
21

Ash Wednesday Service: 45

Worship:
8:45am Service 62
11:00am Service 70
Live Streaming 196
Total 328

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 10,549.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Matthew Bolick Scholarship Fund 100.00

Total \$ 10,649.00

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. Thank you each and everyone for your willingness to volunteer for this much needed ministry of our church.



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.



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UPPER ROOMS

The March / April "Upper Room" devotional books are available for pick-up. They are located in the bookcase outside the Conference Room by 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/>



GUESTS for Sunday, February 21, 2021:

109 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 196
 8:45am Service - 62; 11:00am Service - 70
 Total: 328

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 (pastorcharmaine@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	Website: www.fumcconover.org
Pastor's phone numbers	(828) 464-4635-church (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

2021 FLOWER CHART



Please note that if you wish to sign up on the 2021 flower chart, 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:

c. a dove
 (Matthew 3:16-17)

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE

MIRACLE MOMS' MINISTRY

Hello everyone. It has been so long since we've been able to do this, but I'm happy to say we will be doing another round of Miracle Mom Bags. We just made and delivered 109 bags to CVMC's NICU and Levine Children's NICU in January and now we are ready to start again.

Our deadline for all donations this round is APRIL 29, 2021!!

Below is a list of the items needed to fill our **100** bags!! We are going to really focus on the use of our Amazon list this round. Please remember that you can drop donations off at First United Methodist Church Monday-Thursday 8-4 and Sunday mornings, as well as message me to arrange a pick up or drop off! All checks can be made out to FUMC of Conover with the memo "**Miracle Moms**".

Ways to Donate list:

1. You can donate money that I can use to go and get the items needed and that will go towards the bags needed as well as Wendy's gift cards for the moms.

2. You can use our amazon wish list

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35CT7W20D9CAH?ref=wl_share

3. You can donate the items we need to fill these bags:

- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Lotion (travel size)
- Deodorant (travel size)
- Chapstick
- Hair bows
- athletic headbands
- Tissues (travel size)
- Socks
- Nail files
- Snacks
- candy
- Gatorade/water
- Adult Coloring books/crosswords
- colored pencils
- DEVOTION BOOKS that is what helped me most.
- Stuffed animals for their baby (must be small)
- Rolled Fleece blankets (mainstays at Walmart is \$2.50)



Deadline is no later than APRIL 29, 2021!!

Elizabeth Conner
Miracle Moms' Coordinator

Fueling Faith

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HELP WANTED: I am planning on recording some lessons and stories for our younger children for the PastorCharmaine YouTube channel. Anyone with experience and a willingness to help create quality material, please reach out to me. This ministry also needs a 'Scientist', a 'Puppeteer', Voice Actors and Singers. Thank you!

P.S. Asking for more information will not lock you in!!



EASTER 2021

I wish I counted the number of times I heard "It feels as though we just skipped Easter" in 2020; right at the beginning of this pandemic. Not this year!

EASTER4KIDS

You are invited to bring your children and grandchildren to experience Easter and the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection for us, in a fresh and engaging way.

Join us on **March 20th at 10:00am** in the Connor Family Life Center.

COVID Safety measures will be in place.

PLEASE help us provide a Pandemic-Safe -Easter-Egg-Basket (in lieu of Easter Egg Hunt) by letting us know the names and ages of the children you will be bringing.

Email pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com

Journey to Jerusalem Prayer Walk

March 30, 31 & April 1

5 - 8pm

On the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week you are invited to immerse yourself into the life of Jesus; from prophesy to resurrection. If you are unsure about this 'thing' ask anyone that attended in 2019. It is a wonderful way to prepare for the Service of Darkness on Friday.

The team is working hard to make this event COVID-safe. That being said, we will be assigning time slots. In the very near future a sign up sheet will be available for you to reserve a time. Let us know as soon as you possibly can to reserve a time. We have 12 hours to utilize; but we can certainly add the Monday night, should there be a demand.

If you want to be part of this team, please join us!

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" Luke 17:5

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: apfd@fumconover.org / Text : (781) 913-4415

February 28, 2021

Sunday

All Day 08:45am Service -- Sanctuary

All Day 10-10:45am Optional SS

All Day 11am Service -- Sanctuary

March 7, 2021

Sunday

All Day 08:45am Service -- Sanctuary

All Day 10-10:45am Optional SS

All Day 11am Service -- Sanctuary

March 8, 2021

Monday

All Day 6:30pm-Cub Scouts -- CFLC

All Day 7pm-Boy Scouts -- CFLC

March 12, 2021

Friday

All Day 6:30pm Girl Scouts -- CFLC

March 14, 2021

Sunday

All Day 08:45am Service -- Sanctuary

All Day 10-10:45am Optional SS

All Day 11am Service -- Sanctuary

March 20, 2021

Saturday

All Day 10am Easter 4 Kids -- CFLC

March 21, 2021

Sunday

- All Day 08:45am Service -- Sanctuary
- All Day 10-10:45am Optional SS
- All Day 11am Service -- Sanctuary
- All Day 3pm-8pm Yth Mtgs -- CFLC/GH/Sanc/Classroom

March 22, 2021

Monday

- All Day 6:30pm-Cub Scouts -- CFLC
- All Day 7pm-Boy Scouts -- CFLC

March 23, 2021

Tuesday

- All Day Set-up CFLC

March 24, 2021

Wednesday

- All Day Set-up CFLC

March 25, 2021

Thursday

- All Day Set-up CFLC

March 26, 2021

Friday

- All Day 6:30pm Girl Scouts -- CFLC
- All Day Set-up CFLC

March 27, 2021

Saturday

- All Day Set-up CFLC

March 28, 2021

Sunday

All Day 08:45am Service -- Sanctuary

All Day 10-10:45am Optional SS

All Day 11am Service -- Sanctuary

All Day Set-up CFLC

March 29, 2021

Monday

All Day Set-up CFLC

March 30, 2021

Tuesday

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM 5-8pm Journey to Jerusalem -- CFLC

March 31, 2021

Wednesday

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM 5-8pm Journey to Jerusalem -- CFLC

April 1, 2021

Thursday

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM 5-8pm Journey to Jerusalem -- CFLC

April 2, 2021

Friday

All Day 8pm Service of Darkness -- Sanctuary

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mackenzie Johnson	2 Hayden Bandy Jeff Sierzenga	3 Dolores Setzer Jeff Shepherd	4 Rebecca Fulbright	5 Christopher Koenig	6 Andrea Long
7 Gilda Pennell	8 Steven Heafner	9 Chelsea Puga-Luna James Weaver	10	11 Rita Deal Martha Johnson Randy Porter Glenna Sherrill	12 Nancy Clarke Lee Thornburg	13 Patrick Morrow
14 Coulton McGinnis Faith Pennell	15 Chip Hennessee John Van Rooyen	16 Lauren Slaughter	17 Ashley Sierzenga	18 Jayden Kimsey Sethu Palmer	19 Michael Connor	20
21 Lisa Johnson	22 Chase Connor Debi Sprague Lynn Watson	23 Laci Matthews	24	25 Mary Beth Hennessee Mary Hornick Don Shook	26 Sue Dwigings	27 Parker Garrison
28 McCoy Keisler Morgan Williams	29 Eric Connor Alexander Copeland Trevor Monk	30 Barbara Wilcox	31 Debbie Royals			

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Buck and Anne Calloway	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Buddy and Brenda Teague	11	12	13 Danielle and Josh Sigmon
14 Chip and Mary Beth Hennessee Charlie and Claire Smith	15	16 Mark and Faith Pennell	17 Jeffrey and Jennifer Heffner	18 Steven and Brenda Heafner Adam and Melissa Johnson	19	20
21 Ryan and Angela Garrison Evan and Sydney Matson	22	23	24 Eric and Mary Leslie Yount	25	26	27
28 Finley and Carole Cloninger	29	30	31			