



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

February 9, 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE **Wednesday, February 17 6:00 PM**

Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of the season of Lent. For centuries, the Church has observed this 40 day period preceding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus as a time of repentance. It begins our journey as we focus on the reason why Jesus came into this world. He came to teach us, yes; He came to show us who God is and what he is like, yes; BUT he came into this world with the primary mission to give his life as a sacrifice for you and me. Long ago, Isaiah prophesied, in detail, that the Messiah would come and be “despised and rejected.....a man of sorrows.....pierced for our transgressions....the bearer of our sins.” (chapter 53)

So, come out to this service as we meditate, pray, hear a short message on the meaning of Ash Wednesday and then have ashes imposed on our foreheads. We will join millions of Christians around the world as we prepare our hearts to walk together toward a hill called Calvary. We know that ultimately it led to an empty tomb, but it was on the cross where Jesus “finished” the plan whereby you and I can be saved and have the assurance of heaven.

Since there is a limit to how many can be seated in the sanctuary, we are asking you to call the church office and let us know if you plan to attend and how many by **Monday, February 15 at 4:00 PM**. We will also live stream the service. So, when I impose the cross on the foreheads of the people who are present at the service, you will be able to make the sign of the cross on your own forehead. Note that you will come into the church from the back, as we have been doing, and go through the check stations.

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:

Nell Johnson
Roger, Lisa, Megan & Will Johnson
Tut & Martha Johnston
J.P. & Behr Jones
Nick Joyner
Corey, Lindsay, Jeb & McCoy Keisler

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

None

MEMORIALS

Matthew Bolick Scholarship Fund

In memory of Matthew Bolick and
Ellie Rose Keisler by:
An anonymous donor

Youth Fund

In memory of Wilma Deal by:
Dolores Setzer



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.

WESLEYAN COVENANT ASSOCIATION PRAYER MEETING

"Again, I tell you the truth, if two of you on earth agree about whatever you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are assembled in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:21-22

Hello, friends, in the name of Jesus!

For the past 10 months, a small group of us has been gathering via Zoom each Sunday night to pray for our church, community, and world.

We are seeking members of our church who are willing to commit time on Sunday evenings to join with us to pray. If you have felt God calling you to a deeper commitment to pray, I would like to invite you to participate.

One of the focusses of our prayers is the Wesleyan Covenant Association. Our church is a member of the WCA. The WCA is an association of like-minded churches who are seeking to make Christ our center and focus to get the gospel out to the world. (To read more about the WCA, go to their website, wesleyancovenant.org). This is the group which will be creating the New Traditional Methodist Church if our denomination splits.

If you are interested in our group, or feel God is calling you to participate, please contact me via email or phone for more information.

Michele Moritz
828-612-6747
morcrew@gmail.com

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.



UPDATE TO THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The update to the church directory is available. You may come by the church during office hours Monday—Thursday from 8am-4pm.

If you attend church on Sunday at one of the worship services, you may pick up your update from the Common Area outside of Pastor Charmagne's office. Please ask a volunteer who is taking attendance or taking temperatures where they are located.

Because of the many pages to the update, it will not be cost effective for the church to mail them. If you wish to receive one via email, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 2021

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

If you wish to volunteer for this process, please contact Robin in the church office at (828) 464-4635 Monday - Thursday from 8am-4pm. Thank you.

JUNE 8, 9, & 10!

PASTOR'S QUIZ

John the Baptist's food was



- a. locusts and wild honey
- b. wild honey and manna
- c. locusts and manna
- d. manna and troglodytes

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence February 7, 2021
Sunday School
14

Worship:	
8:45am Service	34
11:15am Service	34
Live Streaming	<u>203</u>
Total	271

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 10,786.50
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank	18.00
Matthew Bolick Scholarship Fund	500.00
Miracle Moms' Ministry	20.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	25.00
Youth Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,399.50

GUESTS for Sunday, February 7, 2021:

113 households viewed by live-streaming at
1.8 persons per household = 203
8:45am Service - 34; 11:00am Service - 34
Total: 271

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

NEW ADDRESS

James Zehmer
5268 Startown Road
Newton, NC 28658

Please make a note of this in your new update to the church directory.

First United Methodist Church
410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
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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:

a. locusts and wild honey
(Matthew 3:4)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaine Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)
Administrative Assistant	Robin Mays (fumcc@fumconover.org)
Music Director	Jonathan Rogers (jsrogers99@gmail.com) (828) 244-7019
Pianist	Shannon Rogers (srog101@gmail.com) (828) 244-6124
Organist	Alex Wilson (organistfumconover@gmail.com) (803) 810-3396
Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan (828) 464-4635
Church Office	www.fumconover.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



Ephesians 6:10-11

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

Calendar Watch

February '21

21 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

March '21

12-13 - 30-hour Famine (tentative)

21 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

April '21

18 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

23 - 25 - IgniteUs Middle School Retreat (tentative)

May '21

2 - Youth Meetings & Ministry Teams

16 - possible Ministry Teams

23 - Youth Sunday



Next Youth Meeting

Sunday, February 21st

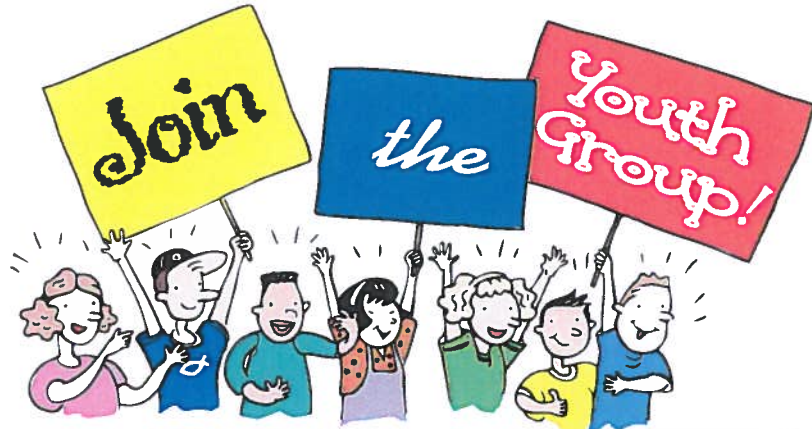
Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 21st. Enter at the Life Center

3:30 - Praise team

4:15 - Dance team

5:00 - Youth Meeting

6:30 - Drama Team



Parent Help

Parent help is needed with help in greeting youth as they come to the meeting. Please see email if you can help in this important endeavour.



Information

As things continue to change, please watch here, email, and our Facebook page for the latest!

#FUMCCYouth

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)



Safe Harbor
Anchoring Lives Through Christ

Empower 2 Employ

Safe Harbor is seeking local businesses to partner through their Empower2Employ program:

Empower2Employ is a three-month non-paid internship program to benefit both Safe Harbor's program participants and local businesses.

Empower2Employ is a collaboration between local business leaders and Safe Harbor. Women who have completed 9 months of our Whole Woman Recovery Program are eligible to apply for a non-paid internship through Empower2Employ.

If you have contacts with businesses that might be interested in working with Safe Harbor's internship program, please contact:

Vicki Murray, Executive Director, vicki@safeharbornc.org, 828-326-7233 or

Tracy Parsons, Whole Woman Manager, tracy@safeharbornc.org, 828-855-9055

(Information summarized from Safe Harbor's Empower 2 Employ brochure)