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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

March 2, 2021

Journey to Jerusalem March 30, 31 and April 1

6:30pm - 8:45

Saint Francis of Assisi said, “Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.”

The Journey to Jerusalem is a silent and private time to be reminded of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in preparation for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is an invitation to ‘experience’ the Gospel in a new way.

In order to host a safe event we ask that you sign up for an approximate timeslot. Sign-up will be staggered in short intervals and will be available very soon!

On the evening of the Walk you will be met at your vehicles for temperature checks and you will be assigned a number. We will text or get you from your vehicle when you may enter the CFLC. The entire walk will take place on the lower level of the church and will be wheelchair accessible. We will have two available for use here. The walk is set up that you can maintain social distance throughout and you do not have to touch anything at all! You will exit through the doors we use on Sundays to enter for worship. Parking spaces closest to the CFLC will be reserved for folks with disabilities and those who have a hard time walking. A drop-off zone will also be available in case of inclement weather.

And yes, we need many volunteers to help us before, during, and after the event. Please refer to the ‘Fueling Faith’ page for a detailed list of jobs and prayerfully consider how you can be part of this ministry. Even an hour of your time or one night of volunteering at the Walk will be a blessing to you.

It is our prayer that this *Journey* will increase your love for and faith in Jesus Christ as we get ready to celebrate Easter.

Your in Christ,

Pastor Charmaine

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:

Scott, Andrea, Sady & Chase Little
Gerald & Sandy Loftin
Jason Loftin
Andrea Long
Scott & Kelly Love
Bart & Jackie Lowdermilk; Jessica Crooks



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.

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Terry Shepherd at CVMC
Betty Fisher at Frye Regional MC (at Valley Nursing)

JUST A REMINDER

Please remember to wear your name tags when attending church services. Thank you.



LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

Sunday, March 7, 2021 will be Gilda Pennell's 90th birthday. Her son, Mark, would like for her to receive 90 birthday cards for her 90th birthday. Please send Gilda a birthday card to:

Gilda Pennell
4073 Lee Cline Road
Conover, NC 28613

Mark and all Gilda's family thank you in advance for making Gilda's day special!



LEND A HAND

PRESCHOOL NEEDS

Glue Sticks

Masking tape

Paper towels

White card stock



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



Jesus was then led up into the wilderness by

- a. the Spirit of God
- b. the devil
- c. John the Baptist
- d. no one

(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 28, 2021
Sunday School
29

Worship:	
8:45am Service	55
11:00am Service	71
Live Streaming	<u>182</u>
Total	308

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 16,114.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Miracle Moms' Ministry 100.00

Total \$ 16,214.00

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 28, 2021:
 101 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 182
 8:45am Service - 55; 11:00am Service - 71
 Total: 308

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)
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Preschool Director	Ginger Doub (466-3158) (ps@fumcconover.org)
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
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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

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 the church budget or to a designated fund of the church in memory or in honor of someone.

Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

a. the Spirit of God
 (Matthew 4:1)

Fueling Faith

EASTER4KIDS - DRIVE-THROUGH

March 20th, 10:00 - 10:30am

Children will receive an Easter basket along with their In-a-Box Easter edition. These are designed to help children experience Easter and the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection in exciting new ways.

PLEASE let us know the names and ages of any child that would like to share in this experience. You may also pick up Sunday or the week after during office hours.



Journey to Jerusalem Prayer Walk JOBS

BEFORE

Draping wall dividers and rooms with fabric.

Hanging posters.

Moving chairs out of classrooms in CFLC.

Setting up scenes.

DURING EVENT

Taking temperatures/attendance - in parking lot.

Present along the walk (monitor flow of people).

Sanitizing and lock-up after each night.

Childcare

After - BREAK-DOWN For about 4 hours on Saturday.

Taking down fabric, posters and window coverings.

Returning all props and storage bins to Storage.

Returning chairs to classrooms.

We need muscle for some of these jobs!

CALLING DISCIPLES

We are setting up a disciple space for the walk.

We need men to pose for a quick photo as one of the disciples.

If you have a beard, GREAT!

We need to do this very quickly to allow us to print the images.

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

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: pastorcharmagne@gmail.com / Text : (781) 913-4415



Ephesians 6:10-11

First United Methodist Church, Conover Youth Ministry 2020-2021

Calendar Watch

March '21

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

Youth Meeting March 21st

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 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

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)