



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*

*March 23, 2021*

### **COUNCIL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION**

The Administrative Council of FUMCC met on 3-21-21. Following is a brief summary of Council actions.

- The council's primary concern continues to be the health and well-being of our members and guests, while to a lesser extent, trying our best to accommodate personal preferences, comfort and opportunities for distanced socialization.

**Effective immediately and until further notice, approved COVID Guidelines and Procedures for church worship services and activities are as follows:**

- **Social Distancing.** In order to provide additional seating at worship services, social distancing requirements in the sanctuary will be reduced to 3-4 feet as necessary to accommodate our growing attendance. Also, as possible, all pews will be opened as long as a minimum social distance of 3-4 foot can be maintained between single individuals and families. Everyone is asked to be considerate of others and honor distancing requests from those sitting around you that are uncomfortable with a social distance of less than 6 feet.
- **Masks continue to be required.** In order to shorten the social distancing requirement it was determined that for the time being, masks will still be required at all services even for those who have been vaccinated. At this point, mask recommendations have not changed from the State of North Carolina, the CDC or the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- **The screening process and sanitation procedures will remain the same.**

#### Upcoming events:

- **March 30-April 1. Prayer Walk (“Journey to Jerusalem”).** This event has been organized to meet church COVID procedures and guidelines. Much work has gone into making this another great worship experience at FUMCC. Please contact the church office to sign up for a time slot.
- **April 2. Service of Darkness.** Please call office if you are planning to attend.
- **May 2. Homecoming.** Pastor Mickey Moree has agreed to preach our homecoming service this year. Details of the service, or services, are still being worked out; however, council decided that we will not have a homecoming meal this year.
- **May 23. Youth Service.** The youth and youth leaders are working diligently to make this another great event and experience for our church. Details are still pending since live streaming is not available from the life center. Additional details to follow.

**Thank you for your continued support of the above COVID procedures. We will continue to Facebook or Live Stream our services.**

Sincerely, Bob Goodson, Council Chair

# \*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:

Connie, Chris & Thomas McCoy  
Kevin & \*Kylee McDuffie  
Kim McDuffie  
\*Norris & \*Gail McRee  
Jennifer & \*Todd Miller  
Brandon, Brianna & Max Miller

## IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Don Shook at CVMC (At home)  
Betty Moritz at CVMC (Room 310)

## MEMORIAL Organ Fund

In memory of Joan Doub by:  
M.G. Doub

## HONORARIUM Preschool Fund

In honor of our grandchildren - Drew Sigmon,  
Addie Cate Sigmon & Livi Sigmon - celebrating  
March birthdays by:  
Brad & Kim Little



## **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

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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.

## **“SERVICE OF DARKNESS” Friday, April 2, 2021 at 8pm**

**Call the church office to reserve a seat!!!**

## **CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

**Deadline: April 15th at 4:00pm**

Applications must be completed as outlined on the cover page of the application. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

You may pick up an application during the church's office hours, Monday - Thursday from 8am-12noon and 1-4pm. You may also email the church office at [fumcc@fumconover.org](mailto:fumcc@fumconover.org) to have an application and the instructions emailed to you. Please indicate which application (high school or college) you need. Completed applications must be turned in to Denise Moose or to the church office by 4pm on April 15th. They can be submitted to Denise or to the church office in electronic or hard copy formats.

Thank you,  
Denise Moose



# NEWS TO USE

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 2021

**Dates Have Been Set to Take Family Photos  
For the New Church Directory in June.**

**We have had volunteers to cancel because of  
conflicts. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH  
OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP.  
THANK YOU.  
JUNE 8, 9 & 10!**



## **FLOWERING THE EASTER CROSS!!**

This year, again due to the pandemic, we will not physically come together to decorate the cross as we usually do during both of our services on Easter Sunday. But, as we did last year, beginning Good Friday, April 2 and running through Thursday, April 8.....the two crosses will be outside the front door of the church. Sometime during this time, bring a flower and put it on the cross as a reminder that Jesus is Alive AND because he lives, we too shall live.



## PASTOR'S QUIZ



James and John joined Jesus as disciples

- when Jesus called them
- as soon as they saw Him
- because their father, Zebedee, told them to
- at the insistence of the first two disciples, Simon (called Peter) and Andrew his brother

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

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

By Our Presence March 21, 2021  
Sunday School  
32

Worship:	
8:45am Service	73
11:00am Service	81
Scout members	5
Live Streaming	140
Total	299

### **God's Tithe & Our Gifts**

General Fund \$ 11,552.00  
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

ECCCM (Food Drive)	100.00
Organ Fund	75.00
Preschool Fund	100.00

Total \$ 11,827.00

## NEWS FROM ECCCM

Dear Pastor & Congregation,  
This is a reminder that your congregation has a designated day to volunteer at ECCCM in April, May and June 2021. We hope to have multiple members of your congregation come work with us as many days as possible. Our hours of operation are Monday - Thursday 8am-5pm.

April 6  
May 4  
June 1

We look forward to being the hands and feet of God with you as we serve those in need in our community.

Allen Sherrill, Food Pantry Manager

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**SIGN UP NOW**

Choose your timeslot to START your "Journey to Jerusalem" by going to the church website OR by contacting Charmaine at the church.

**GUESTS for Sunday, March 21, 2021:**

78 households viewed by live-streaming at 1.8 persons per household = 140  
 8:45am Service - 73; 11:00am Service - 81;  
 Scouts camping - 5; Total: 299

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 (pastorcharmaigne@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 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. when Jesus called them  
 (Matthew 4:21-22)



# Retirement PARTY



- HONORING -

Rev. Robert Silber

APRIL

SUNDAY

25<sup>th</sup>

2-4 PM

2021

CONOVER CITY PARK  
361 5th Ave. SE  
CONOVER, NC

In lieu of a gift, please bring non-perishable food items.

