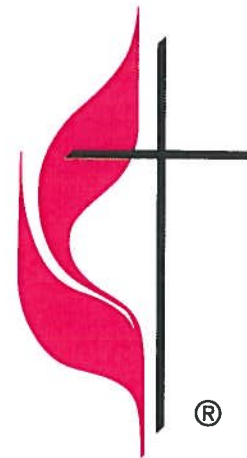




CONOVER
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST

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 30, 2021

SCOUTING MINISTRIES

The Scouting program at First United Methodist church is a vital ministry. It consists of Cub Scout Pack 322, Boy Scout Troop 322 and Girl Scout Troop 10441. The Cub Scout Pack is for boys from 5 years of age to 11. The Scout Troop is for boys from 11 years of age to 18. And the Girl Scout Troop is for girls from 6th grade to 12th grade. Scouts will learn how to socially and mentally work with each other as a team. While working through requirements, ranks and experience, they will learn leadership skills, survival skills and problem solving skills. They learn to live by the Scout Oath and Law which prepares them for the future as leaders in Society. Through Merit Badge work, they will be introduced to new interests in hobbies, life skills and interests that could lead to future careers.

Scouts will participate in Community, Nation and World service projects helping others in need through projects such as the Scouting for Food drive in cooperation with ECCCM. As the scouts get older and more experienced, the continued training becomes more demanding. With higher rank comes more responsibility and giving back to scouts that of which they have learned by teaching the skills and leadership to younger scouts.

Through the 26 years, the Cub Pack has achieved more than 42 boys receiving the highest award, the 'Arrow of Light'. With this achievement they move up into the Boy Scout Troop. After 38 years and as of this date, the Troop has achieved 74 boys earning the highest rank of 'Eagle Scout' with 4 more boys to complete this year.

In the Girl Scout Troop, during the 3 years being sponsored by FUMC, 6 girls have completed and been awarded the highest rank, the 'Gold Award', with 3 more girls working toward completion. As you can see, this is a very active Scouting Program at FUMC. It takes dedicated leaders to give of their time and talents to achieve these kinds of records. But it also takes the gracious support of the church family to accomplish this ministry. For this we are so grateful and truly blessed.

If you know of anyone that would like to have their son or daughter involved with the Scouting program, please have them contact the church office to get the Scoutmaster's contact information.

In Scouting and Christianity
Gerald Loftin - Scoutmaster Troop 322
Scouting Program Chairman



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:

Greg Monk
Harry & Trenia Monk
Angie & Trevor Monk
Steve & *Kathy Monroe
Johnny & Denise Moose
Lee & Michele Moritz

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Barbara Wilcox at Frye RMC
Linda Beck at Frye RMC

TEMPORARY ADDRESS

Betty Moritz
c/o Trinity Village (Room 313)
1265 21st Street NE
Hickory, NC 28601

(828) 267-3697



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

Betty Moritz, Trinity Village Rehab (Room 313)
1265 21st St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 267-3697

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

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 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, the two crosses will be outside the front door of the church beginning Good Friday, April 2 and running through Thursday, April 8. You are invited to 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



"Ye are the salt of the earth," said Jesus to the disciples, warning against

- a. offering themselves too freely
- b. losing their savour
- c. affecting sweetness
- d. charging for their services

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence March 28, 2021
Sunday School
26

Worship:	
8:45am Service	72
11:00am Service	92
Live Streaming	160
Total	324

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 14,090.10
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank 8.00

Total \$ 14,098.10

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 28, 2021:

89 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 160
 8:45am Service - 72; 11:00am Service - 92;
 Total: 324

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

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 (pastor@fumcconover.org)
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 (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)
 Administrative Assistant Robin Mays
 (fumcc@fumcconover.org)
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 (828) 244-7019
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 (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:

b. losing their savour
 (Matthew 5:13)

March 29, 2021

From the Trustees:

Your Trustees have been working hard to keep our Church Facility in working order this year. These are the completed and pending projects for 2021. If anyone sees anything that needs to be address, please let us know.

Completed

Signed new contact with Ingles and Son for lawn care. They have sprayed weed killer on 2.9.21.

We have changed the lights in the Office, Hallways, Common Area, Playschool and Bathrooms in the Education Building to LED lights.

The Church Offices (Pastor Gary's and Robin's) have been painted along with the Hallways, Common Area and Conference Room.

New bulletin boards have been placed in the work room and outside Robin's office.

With the help of Methodist Men and Trustee volunteers we have cleaned the Gym Floor, cleaned out rooms and cleaned out all light fixtures in the CFLC.

The CFLC roof have been repaired.

Set up the Conference Room for Zoom, WebEx meetings.

Replace faucets and plumbing in the education building bathrooms. Replaced faucets in the CFLC bathrooms.

Live Streaming platform will be upgraded to ProPresenter 7.

Completing inventory of laptops, computers, TV's and Ipads.

Signed new contract with Republic on garbage pickup with a \$20.00 saving per month. Now \$87.00 per month fee.

Updated pricing for Columbarium Niches.

Pending

Updating Pastor Charmaine's computer.

Clean all floors in the Church.

Church cleanup day for all outside areas. Will schedule for late March or early April.

Columbarium Pricing for 2021

Prices are for 1.1.21 to 12.31.21 includes the following: The price of the Niche, Opening and Closing of the Niche and Bronze Plaque must be ordered at the time of purchase by the Church Office Staff.

Bronze Plaque:	\$1,005.00
Double Niche:	\$1,000.00
Single Niche:	\$ 700.00

Pricing subject to change if cost changes during the year.

Trustees of First United Methodist Church Conover

Keith Hall _____

Trustee Chair:

April 2021

April 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 28	29	30	31	Apr 1 5-8pm Journey to Jerusalem (CFLC)	2 8pm Service of Darkness (Sanctuary) PRESCHOOL CLOSED	3
4 00-EASTER DAY 08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service	5 OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED	6 PRESCHOOL CLOSED	7 PRESCHOOL CLOSED	8 PRESCHOOL CLOSED	9 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC) PRESCHOOL CLOSED	10
11 08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service (Sanctuary)	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service 3pm-8pm Yth Mitgs	19	20	21	22	23 6:00pm 6pm - Cubs Campout (Behind Gray H) 6:30pm Girl Scouts (CFLC)	24
25 08:45am Service (Sanctuary) 10-10:45am Optional SS 11am Service (Sanctuary)	26	27	28	29	30	May 1

Birthdays

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Rylee Garrison Brittany Ponthieux	6 Bryson Lowdermilk	7 James Zehmer	8 Jeanette Davis	9 Eddie Henderson Will Johnson	10 Brandon Miller Suzanne Spencer
11 Jan Barbersek	12 Terry Shepherd	13 Haley Beech Jimmy Hollar Gary Little Brandie Tucker Jane Wike	14 Behr Jones	15 Natasha Bunton Cathy Choppa	16 Alice Spencer Alan Thornburg	17 Drew Danner Greg Reed Logan Spencer
18 Aaron Little Leta Tucker	19 Michael Copeland	20 Baker Yount	21 Owen Gilleland Melissa Johnson Elbert Parris Crystin Pittman Clay Rockett	22	23 Tristan Zinkhan	24 Daniel Moore
25	26 Gray Doub	27 Evan Matson Greg Monk	28	29 Michael Goode Megan Johnson	30	

Wedding Anniversaries

Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7 Dale and Rebekah Lafone	8	9 Harold and Ruthie Thornburg	10
11 Ray and Pam Penley	12 Glenn and Cindy Casterline	13	14	15	16 Larry and Pam Lowdermilk Don and Vata Shook	17 Gary and Tammy Muller
18	19 Bob and Lois Goodson Brad and Kim Little	20 Billy and Beth Boston	21	22 Steve and Michele Danner	23	24
25	26	27 Wesley and Brandie Tucker	28	29	30	