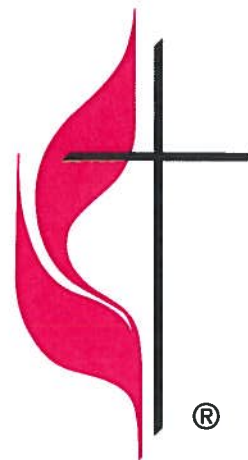




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METHODIST

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 9, 2021

SERVICE OF DARKNESS

Friday, April 2...8:00 PM

Jesus was arrested on Thursday evening in the Garden of Gethsemane and then beaten and held until the next day at the house of the High Priest, Caiaphas. On Friday morning he was scourged and crucified on Golgotha. As part of our Lenten experience, we are having a “Service of Darkness” on Friday night, April 2 at 8:00 PM. If you have never been to a service of darkness, it is one of the most powerful and moving services you will ever attend. The purpose of the service is to leave you empty and thus prepare our hearts for Easter morning.

This is a highly choreographed service of light, candles, music, sound effects and readings ending in total darkness. It will help us to relive what Jesus experienced for us in order to make the way for our Salvation. Yes, it will leave you empty.....but anticipating the miracle of Easter morning. You will not forget it.

If you would like to attend, we ask that you call the church office and let us know you are coming... and how many... no later than **Wednesday, March 31 at 4:00 PM**. Due to social distancing, there will be a limit to how many can sit in the sanctuary. As we have been doing, you will enter the church from the back and go through the stations to ensure the safety of everyone. The service will be live streamed for those of you who choose to watch at home.

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:

Larry, Pam & Bryson Lowdermilk
Leah Lowdermilk
*Scott & Rebekah (Love) Mackinnon
*Jim & *Ellen Maddox
Dave, Cheryl & Bradley Markland
Karen Martin

IN / OUT OF HOSPITAL

Terry Shepherd at CVMC (At home)
Tina Hudson at CVMC (At home)

MEMORIALS Preschool Fund

In memory of Rita Bruner by:
M.G. Doub

In memory of Don Barbersek by:
M.G. Doub



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

Sunday, March 14
2:00 PM

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting in the Conference
Room**

Sunday, March 21
2:00PM

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
in the Sanctuary**

THANK YOU FOR

THE PRESCHOOL NEEDS

We would like to thank all those who donated the items that we needed for the Preschool. We can always count on our church family to come through!



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



Jesus' utterance, that "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone," was occasioned by the devil's

- a. assertion to the contrary
- b. suggestion that Jesus turn stones to bread
- c. offer of bread to Jesus
- d. threat to deprive Israel of food

(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 HAD VOLUNTEERS TO CANCEL BECAUSE OF CONFLICTS. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU. JUNE 8, 9 & 10!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence March 7, 2021
Sunday School
31

Worship:	
8:45am Service	77
11:00am Service	80
Live Streaming	<u>155</u>
Total	312

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund \$ 18,414.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$12,596)

Children's Bank 87.00
Preschool Fund 100.00

Total \$ 18,601.00

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 Charmaigne'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, March 7, 2021:

86 households viewed by live-streaming at
 1.8 persons per household = 155
 8:45am Service - 77; 11:00am Service - 80
 Total: 312

WNCC now recommends 1.8 persons per household.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Gary Royals (pastor@fumcconover.org)
Associate Pastor of Faith Dev.	Charmaigne Van Rooyen (pastorcharmaigne@gmail.com)
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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
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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

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. suggestion that Jesus turn stones to bread
 (Matthew 4:3-4)

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.

Return chairs to classrooms.

We need muscle for some of these jobs!

NEEDED

Prayer Walk Props

We need the following props. If you are willing to let us use the following items we will appreciate it very much.

Period correct-ish clay pots, baskets, live or fake plants are what we need most of.

Pottery plates and cups for the Passover meal.

THANK YOU!

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

Telephone: (828) 464-4635 / Email: pastorcharmaine@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
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Mary Hornick (828-381-7233 / maryhornick1974@gmail.com)